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U.S. Army Sgt. Mark Cox of the 101st Airborne Division and his wife, Dawn, from Crawfordsville, Ind., laugh as they hug inside a hangar after Cox returned to Fort Campbell, Ky., from Iraq, on Jan. 7.

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## States

**Schiavo right-to-die case:** A Tampa, Fla., appeals court Wednesday denied a request from the parents of a severely brain-damaged woman for a new trial in the long-running right-to-die case, according to the court clerk's office.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal issued the denial without a written opinion.

Attorney George Felos said once the court issues a formal decision in 15 days, Michael Schiavo may again be able to order the removal of the feeding tube that helps keep his 41-year-old wife alive.

Terry Schiavo collapsed from a chemical imbalance due to an eating disorder 14 years ago and left no written end-of-life directive.

**Hospital in crisis:** The Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center of Los Angeles failed an inspection by federal regulators this week, moving the beleaguered public hospital closer to losing \$200 million in federal funding.

Barring a last-minute change, the Los Angeles County-owned hospital just south of Watts is tentatively slated to lose its federal money Jan. 19, county health officials wrote in a memo late Wednesday to the county Board of Supervisors. Without that funding, King/Drew could be forced to close, imperiling the largely poor black and Hispanic population it serves, officials have said.

King/Drew had pledged to make changes earlier this month after the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services faulted it for allowing county police officers to use Taser stun guns to subdue psychiatric patients.

**Alabama Ten Commandments case:** Former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore acknowledges having feelings of "doubt and fear" on the night of July 31, 2001, as he sat alone in his state court-house office awaiting delivery of a Ten Commandments monument he wanted to install in the rotunda.

In a new book, "So Help Me God," Moore describes that night as the completion of a lifelong mission to use his position as the state's highest judge to publicly display a symbol of his religion.

It was also the beginning of a two-year fight that ended with Moore becoming the first chief justice in Alabama's history to be expelled from office after he refused a federal judge's order to remove the monument from the judicial building's rotunda.

## World

**Russian school attack:** Only 17 of 31 attackers who seized a school in southern Russia four months ago have been identified, Deputy Prosecutor General Nikolai Shepel said Thursday.

He said that documents had been sent to Interpol to help identify two of the attackers, "presumably coming from Middle East countries," the Interfax news agency reported.

The Sept. 1-3 terrorist raid on a school in the town of Beslan ended in a hail of gunfire and explosions, killing more than 330 hostages, nearly half of them children.

**Berlusconi's hair:** Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi acknowledged Thursday that he



**Wash. governor's race:** Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi calls for a revote in the hotly contested Washington state governor's race at his campaign headquarters in Bellevue. Joining Rossi are, from left, his wife, Terry, and children Julianna, 14; Joseph, 8; Jake, 10; and Jillian, 4. Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared governor-elect Thursday — by 129 votes over Rossi — but Rossi has refused to concede. Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, certified Gregoire as the winner of the closest governor's race in state history.

Berlusconi  
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had a hair transplant, saying his hair is "growing wonderfully" and that cosmetic surgery is a duty for those who can afford it.

Italian media August were abuzz with speculation that the image-conscious, balding leader might have had a hair transplant.

"My hair is growing wonderfully," Berlusconi said during his year-end press conference. "I am very happy to have subjected myself to such pain."

Berlusconi, 68, had cosmetic surgery around his eyes during the Christmas holidays last year. He confirmed the operation about a month later, specifying that it had only been around his eyes.

**Gay marriage in Spain:** Spain's Socialist government on Friday approved a bill to legalize same-sex marriages, putting this predominantly Roman Catholic country on course to become only the third country to recognize gay marriages.

The bill was approved at a Cabinet meeting and is expected to be presented to Parliament in February for debate.

"The right to marry is a right for everyone, without distinction. It can be understood as a privilege," Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega told a press conference after the Cabinet meeting.

Under the bill, homosexuals will be allowed to adopt children and couples of the same sex will be able to inherit from one an-

other as well as receive retirement benefits from their working spouses in the same way in which heterosexual married couples do now.

**Israeli barrier:** A section of Israel's West Bank separation barrier will leave 17,000 Palestinians on the Israeli side, hampering their access to the West Bank, settler and security officials said Thursday.

The barrier will encompass the Etzion settlement bloc in the southern West Bank, as originally planned — despite a Supreme Court ruling to move the route closer to the "Green Line" 1949 border, said Shaul Goldstein, the Etzion bloc council head.

A senior security official said the Defense Ministry was in talks with the attorney general to try to reduce hardship to the Palestinians.

Israel began building the obstacle to stop a wave of Palestinian suicide bombers who were infiltrating unhindered from the West Bank.

**Afghan prisoners:** Fifteen prisoners escaped from an Afghan jail, apparently with the help of several of their guards, police said Thursday.

The group disappeared from a jail in Khosht, a former stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaida militants near the Pakistani border — but all those who escaped were criminals rather than "political prisoners," said police chief Mohammed Ayoub.

Three were quickly re-arrested, but the others were still at large Thursday.

**Ukraine election:** Ukraine's election commission rejected the entire appeal by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich against results showing he lost this week's repeat running. The prime minister has refused to accept mass violations, a commission member said.

Yanukovich now has the option of appealing to the Supreme Court. The prime minister has refused to accept results showing a solid victory for Western-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko in Sunday's vote.

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# Bases ask GIs to drink responsibly

BY WARD SANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

A soldier held the stage, Pearl Jam in his voice and big acoustic strums rippling golden from his guitar. He and his buddy then tried out "La Bamba." The baseball caps in the audience nodded along to the music.

A guy with a bagpipe would be next. The recent jam session at the An Sibin pub in Darmstadt, Germany, isn't unique to that festive stretch of late December staggering toward New Year's Eve. But the swell of the crowd and its American accent implied that holiday season is indeed party season.

The military is advising troops to be safe during the holidays and to stay away from the driver's wheel, regardless of how few eggheads they've had.

Though it's unclear yet how rowdy this year's holiday season will be, the biggest U.S. military community in Europe reports a 44 percent increase in drunken driving for the entire year compared with 2003. And the year's biggest night has yet to pop.

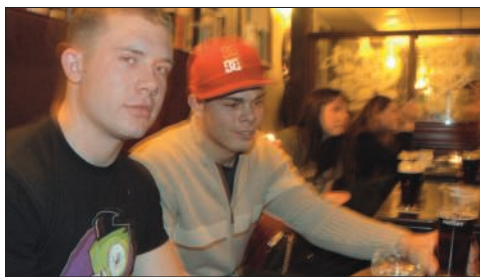
To stop trends like this, many bases offer programs to get troops home from the party in one piece.

"Don't risk ruining your holidays, your career or even your life over a drink. It's just not worth it," Patrick T. Teel, chief of Army Substance Abuse Program Europe, said in a prepared statement.

"Plan ahead and identify a designated driver or a means of public transportation if you plan to drink alcohol. Trying to guess 'how much' will be 'too much' is very dangerous because even one drink affects your judgment and your ability to make that decision. It's better not to drink alcohol at all if you're going to be driving. Be smart about alcohol and don't drink and drive."

The Army recorded 17 cases of drunken driving arrests last holiday season — Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 — compared with 37 the year prior to that. There were 23 during the 2001 holiday season and 32 the millennium, according to the Army's Installation Management Agency-Europe.

The Navy reported a total of 12 cases of drunken driving over the past three holiday seasons in Europe, but numbers for individual years weren't available. Air Force figures



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Spc. Joseph Carter, left, is the designated driver for Spc. Christopher Bucknell and other members of the Darmstadt, Germany-based 578th Signal Company, on a recent night on the town.

weren't available because the service only logs them at individual bases, said Maj. Pat Ryder, a spokesman for U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

One place that's seen a big spike over the entire year is the Kaiserslautern, Germany, area — the biggest American military community on the continent — which has logged at least 198 cases of driving under the influence this year. That's a 44 percent increase over 2003, according to Ramstein Air Base. The culprits in the 198 cases are split almost evenly between Army and Air Force personnel.

The military wants to fight this. Individual commands often promote designated-driver programs or offer taxi programs for nights out on the town.

"We always have a designated driver with us, or we'll take a taxi," said Spc. Joseph Carter, who took in the Pearl Jam-jazz and bagpipes at the pub session. Carter was the driver that night.

"We have another guy, too — we just drink Coke or whatever. And definitely, if someone tries to drive home, we definitely take the keys from them."

Their command also keeps a taxi fund, the troops say.

"You make a phone call, and the battalion pays for you," said Spc. Christopher Bucknell. Troops have to pay it back in 24 hours.

The programs aren't unique to one place or service. In Naples, Italy, sailors can use a service called "Topsy Taxi" sponsored by the Chief Petty Officers Association. Through Jan. 7, a "Topsy" representative will meet a sailor at the gate to pay for a cab.

In Gaeta, Italy, the Navy calls it "Drive Alive," and it runs through Jan. 3.

"It's confidential," said Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Braun, spokeswoman for Navy Region Europe. "They don't ask questions."

The troops in the pub said that for them and their 578th Signal Company, such programs seem to be fighting drunken driving.

"I've been here two years," Carter said, "and we've only had only incident."

Ben Murray in Kaiserslautern, Germany, contributed to this report.

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## Darmstadt rabies alert

DARMSTADT, Germany — Darmstadt city officials announced this week that the city and a 40-kilometer radius surrounding the city have been declared a rabies-affected district after a fox was found dead of the disease in nearby Eberstadt.

In a news release, the 233rd Base Support Battalion on Cambrai-Fritsch Casern in Darmstadt urged pet owners to keep all dogs on a leash while outdoors and all cats indoors, unless the animal has a current rabies vaccination.

Residents should be cautious around wild animals that seem tame and never touch a dead animal, the release stated.

## Soldier's robbery trial

A soldier charged with robbing a Community Bank at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim, Germany, is set to appear in court to face charges on Jan. 10.

Spc. Daniel A. Sampe of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Aviation Regiment, stationed at Coleman Barracks, has been charged in connection with the theft of about \$50,000 in U.S. and European currency from the bank. Army officials said this week. He is facing charges of robbery and communicating a threat.

The robbery occurred at about 10 a.m. Sept. 29, when a masked individual wearing an Army physical training suit entered the bank, brandished what appeared to be a handgun and ordered customers and employees to the ground.

Sampe was arraigned on Dec. 17 and declined to enter a plea, according to an Army public affairs office. He waived his right to an Article 32, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury hearing.

From staff reports

# 3's company for Landstuhl family

BY BEN MURRAY

Stars and Stripes

LANDSTUHL, Germany — When Staff Sgt. Kevin Cooper of the 435th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron and his wife, Jody, decided to reverse Kevin's vasectomy to have one more child, they were hoping for a girl.

The Coopers already had three boys, ages 4, 8 and 11, and hoped to round the family out with a daughter. In the fall, they got what they wanted ... and then some.

"We just wanted one more," Jody said. "We prayed for a girl ... and got three in a row."

On Nov. 16, Jody, 28, gave birth naturally to healthy identical triplets — Aspen, Trinity and Payton — at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, each weighing between 3 and 4½ pounds.

Without the use of fertility aids and lacking any history of multiple births in their families, the chance of the couple conceiving identical triplets was extremely small, doctors told them, hovering at about 1 in 1,000. But conceive them they did, and a specialist gave the news to the Coopers in June.

"I cried and Kevin had to sit down for a few minutes," Jody said. "He said, 'I'm going to have to work five jobs ...'"

The work of carrying three babies at once, Jody said, "wasn't that bad," though it required a three-week stay at Landstuhl, and five weeks of postnatal care for the children at the hospital.

Now in late December, with a trio of healthy babies at home for the holidays, the Cooper family is working on restructuring life around the new arrivals.

The three girls go through 25 diapers and 30 bottles in a 24-hour period, Kevin said, and the parents have run into some unique problems that come with triplets, such as: Which baby is which?

They look the same, they cry the same, they coo the same, he said, and are generally always kept together to keep them calm and comfortable.

"If we separate them, they get a little fussy," said Kevin, 31.

To solve the identity problem, the Coopers have made little color-coded arm bands for the girls, and have started to identify

them by their tiny marks and blemishes, he said.

The three Cooper boys — David, 11, Brock, 8, and Heath, 4 — have proved to be willing and reliable helpers in the care of their new sisters, Jody said. But they draw the line at some tasks.

"The only thing they don't do is change diapers," she said.

The Coopers have also received generous help from their extended families and local church, they said, but no matter what level of help parents receive from friends and relatives, juggling three identical newborns is a minute-by-minute logistical puzzle.

Sitting in her living room this week, a baby in each arm and one with her husband, Jody tried to get up for a second to get something from behind the couch, and ended up just kind of looking around for a moment, trying to figure out how to do it.

Kevin came over, and between the two of them, they safely transferred babies back and forth until she could stand, still holding one.

Outside the home, things are just as difficult, the Coopers said. They can no longer ride together



BEN MURRAY/Stars and Stripes

Staff Sgt. Kevin Cooper of the 435th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron and his wife, Jody, cradle their 6-week-old identical triplets, from left, Aspen, Trinity and Payton, at the home of the recently expanded family in Landstuhl, Germany, on Tuesday.

er in one car (their minivan only seats seven), and they have to buy things such as clothes and groceries in triplicate — plus things for the boys.

Caring three babies and managing three sons in public draws a definite reaction from lots of people, who generally express a mix of pity and wonder at the thought of caring for such a large family, Jody said.

"We get that look a lot like, 'Oh, heck no,'" she said. "People's eyes get huge."

But the Coopers, who said that at one point they had decided to have only two children, said their new daughters are anything but a burden.

"We've been blessed," Jody said.

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## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

## Legislative language fails short for disabled

## Some reservists won't benefit from '05 National Defense Authorization Act

When legislative language misfires, Congress can intend one thing and do another. That seems to have occurred last October with passage of the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

The NDAA adopts a fairer formula for calculating disability retirement for activated National Guard and Reserve personnel.

However, the initiative to benefit mobilized reservists, at least now, is written in a way that helps far fewer members than lawmakers hoped. In fact, it leaves behind most Guard and Reserve members who have been seriously wounded in war.

National Guard and Reserve per-

sonnel injured while on active duty, and awarded disability retirement on or after Oct. 28, 2004, will have their pay calculated using a more generous formula.

The change was proposed by Defense officials after seeing a disturbing disparity in disability retirement between active-duty members and activated reservists injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The problem is linked to the "High-3" retirement formula that applies to any member who entered service on or after Sept. 8, 1980. Those who joined earlier, and who serve 20 years, see their annuity based on a percentage of "final" basic pay. Retirees under High-3 see annuities based on a percentage of average basic pay

over their highest three earning years, usually their last three years of active service.

But three years' active service for a mobilized Guard and Reserve member, to calculate disability retirement, can mean going back to period of service when basic pay was set far below current pay levels. This can sharply lower the value of disability retirement compared to active-duty colleagues. Indeed, older, more experienced reservists wounded in Iraq can receive disability pay only half the size of that provided to injured active-duty peers.

With the NDAA, Congress stepped in to require that disability retirements be computed for High-3 Guard or Reserve mem-

bers as though they had served their last three years on active duty. But the law wasn't written, officials discovered, so it could be applied retroactively to reserve members injured since the war on terrorism began Sept. 11, 2001.

Knowing that was the intent, Defense lawyers and policymakers reviewed the language carefully over the last two months. They found no way to interpret it more broadly. In late December, officials issued guidance to military finance centers to apply the more favorable High-3 formula only to disability retirements on or after Oct. 28, when the law was signed.

It's too early to assure disabled reservists that the new Congress will vote to move the effective date

back to 9/11. But it clearly is out of sync as written with another 2005 NDAA change, this one directing that the more favorable High-3 formula be used to recalculate survivor benefit to families of reservists who died on active after September 10, 2001.

The SBP change helps only a small number of survivors. Most elect to forfeit SBP anyway to accept tax-free Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. It will make a difference to families with small children who have lost reservists on active duty on or after Nov. 24, 2003.

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## Report says letter alerted AF brass of rape allegations

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — A "concerned citizen" alerted top Air Force officials about rape allegations at the Air Force Academy six months before an anonymous e-mail set off a media firestorm, Pentagon records show.

The text of a June 28, 2002, letter, which was unsigned, is contained in a newly released report from the Department of Defense inspector general's office, which is investigating the way various Air Force officials handled the author's complaint.

The letter, addressed to Air Force Secretary James Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff John Jumper and other officials, made allegations in capital letters.

"FEMALE CADETS ARE BEING RAPED AND SEXUALLY HARASSED BY MALE CADETS AND ACADEMY OFFICIALS REFUSE TO PROSECUTE THE MALE RAPISTS," the letter said.

Among other charges: that female cadets were punished for reporting rapes, that an officer told females that being raped was their fault and that counselors seemed more concerned about the academy's reputation than helping victims.

The letter alluded to various cases that ended without prosecutions and called for an investigation to be turned over to the FBI.

"Do not allow the Air Force to conduct its own internal investigation," the letter pleaded, "be-

cause if you do, you will become an accomplice to rape!"

According to the DOD report, the letter was referred to the Air Force inspector general's office, at the time headed by Lt. Gen. Raymond Huot. Huot's office reportedly focused on the specific charge about the officer's alleged comments. No disciplinary action was taken.

The DOD report faulted Huot for not addressing the broader issues, which re-emerged in a December 2002 e-mail to media outlets and various officials, sparking the widely publicized investigations.

"Lt. Gen. Huot did not respond to substantive allegations of misconduct and allegations that Air Force cadets and crime victims at the USAFA were being exploited," the new report stated. It cited him among eight academy or Air Force officials it said shared responsibility for the scandal.

Huot could not be reached for comment Tuesday, but rebutted the criticism in a detailed, written response to a draft version of the report.

"Quite frankly, the draft report language smacks of attempts at sensationalism in reporting rather than an objective analysis and statements of fact," Huot said.

Huot said his office's "complaint analysis" was proper. Investigators found no evidence of wrongdoing by the officer accused of disparaging a rape victim, Brig. Gen. Taco Gilbert.

## Crew Chief for a Day program



JOHN SMITH/U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Gerald Gootee, right, a crew chief for the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows Col. Derrick A. Hoxie III, from the 552nd Air Control Wing, how to confirm to the pilot that the flight controls are working properly during an A-10 preflight check at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The demonstration was part of the squadron's Crew Chief for a Day program, which offers deployed airmen of all Air Force career fields the opportunity to see what it is like to work on fighter jets.

## Soldier arrested in domestic violence

A soldier based in Kitzingen, Germany, was apprehended Tuesday after allegedly assaulting his wife with a hammer in their off-post home.

The name of the soldier is being withheld by his unit, the 12th Chemical Company.

The soldier was hospitalized at the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Würzburg, Germany, where he was being treated for self-inflicted injuries, said Maj. Twila Peterson, 417th Base Support Battalion provost marshal.

He was undergoing a psychological evaluation and is expected to be transferred to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center for further evaluation, Peterson said. His wife, whose name also was withheld, sustained minor injuries and was treated and released from the 67th CSH, Peterson said.

Charges will be preferred against the soldier after his medical evaluation is complete.

## DOD plans to retire aircraft carrier

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to retire one of the Navy's 12 aircraft carriers and buy fewer amphibious landing ships for the Marine Corps as part of \$60 billion in proposed cuts over the next six years, congressional and military officials told The New York Times on Wednesday.

The proposed cuts would, for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, slow the growth in Pentagon spending, which has risen 41 percent in that period, to about \$420 billion this year.

Under the proposal, the Navy would retire the carrier John F. Kennedy next year. In addition, development of the Army's \$120 billion Future Combat System, designed to link soldiers by computer with remotely piloted aircraft and combat vehicles, would be delayed.

From staff reports



# Military dominates talk in election year

BY PATRICK DICKSON  
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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The presidential election dominated the front pages around the world in 2004, but it was the military that drove much of the conversation surrounding the campaign.

Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry presented himself as a viable commander in chief by focusing on his experiences in the Vietnam War.

Debate over his war record quickly became the dominant topic in the campaign, with the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a Texas-based Political Action Committee, flooding the airwaves with counterclaims as to Kerry's exploits.

President George Bush already had en-

dured similar criticism, coming from film-maker Michael Moore, who defamed the president's service in the Alabama National Guard with his film "Fahrenheit 9/11."

Although at times Washington's favorite sport appeared to be forming puffs of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's designation date, Rumsfeld remains.

He was criticized for the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, what were widely perceived as inadequacies in postwar planning and his response to a question from a soldier in Kuwait in December about why his men were scouring for armor trucks bound for Iraq. Yet Rumsfeld stayed, while many other figures in the Bush Cabinet moved on after the elections.

The service chiefs were less bulletproof.

Army jaws dropped last year when Rumsfeld suggested that Air Force Secre-

tary James Roche should replace Thomas White as Army secretary, after White resigned in May 2003.

Roche was a former Naval officer with no Army experience. But his nomination stalled in the Senate Armed Services Committee, primarily because of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who criticized a \$21 billion air tanker leasing arrangement Roche supported.

Roche withdrew his name from consideration on Nov. 16, and the Senate quickly confirmed defense industry executive Francis J. Harvey as the new secretary of the Army.

Meanwhile, Navy Secretary Gordon England was mum on whether he intends to remain for a second Bush term.

But the war in Iraq was never far from the headlines, with death tolls in Iraq top-

ping 1,326 U.S. personnel by the end of the year, according to statistics compiled by the Pentagon. In 2004 alone, 842 service-members were killed, and thousands were injured, especially by improvised explosive devices and mortars.

Congress and other critics grilled the Pentagon about why more armored vehicles and personal protective gear had not been sent to the region.

In Afghanistan, another 50 U.S. service-members died in 2004, bringing the total to more than 151 since it was begun in October 2001.

And though the Bush administration last year envisioned smaller troop numbers in Iraq by this time, the number is ramping up in preparation for January elections.

The success or failure of those elections will shape much of what happens to the military in 2005.

## January

Jan. 8: In Iraq, a U.S. Black Hawk helicopter crashes in Nuaymya, near Fallujah, killing nine soldiers.

Jan. 9: U.S. Defense Department says Saddam Hussein prisoner-of-war status, allowing the former Iraqi dictator access to Red Cross personnel.

Jan. 11: Former Treasury secretary Paul O'Neill tells "60 Minutes" that the Bush administration had been planning an attack against Iraq since the first days of the presidency.

Jan. 20: President Bush delivers his State of the Union address defending the war in Iraq, tax cuts and highlighting the urgency to continue fighting terrorism.

## February

Feb. 2: The Bush administration releases its \$2.4 trillion budget proposal for fiscal 2005 that would boost military funding by 7.1 percent.

Feb. 12: Two former employees of Iraq contractor Halliburton say the company "routinely overcharged" the U.S. military.

Feb. 23: Army officials announce they will kill the \$38 billion Columbia helicopter program.

Feb. 28: Under U.S. pressure, Haiti's president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, resigns and goes into exile. U.S. Marines begin to arrive in the country to help keep the peace.

## March

March 18: NATO deploys an additional 1,000 peacekeepers to Kosovo to help the 18,000 already there, as violence threatens

to break out.

March 20: Dozins die in clashes between Serbs and ethnic Bosnians in Kosovo.

March 29: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization formally admits seven new countries: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

March 31: Four U.S. civilian contract workers are shot, mutilated, and then dragged through the streets of Fallujah, Iraq, and their remains hung from a bridge.

## April

April 5: U.S. troops raid Fallujah in response to the killing and mutilation of the four contractors.

April 11: U.S. commanders order a cease-fire in Fallujah after two members of Iraq's Governing Council resign in protest of the offensive.

April 14: In an audiotape broadcast, a man believed to be Osama bin Laden says his al-Qaida organization will declare a truce with nations that withdraw troops from Muslim territories.

April 19: U.S. officials say they will and the offensive in Fallujah if insurgents agree to surrender their weapons.

April 22: Army Spc. Pat Tillman, who left the National Football League to fight alongside his brother in the Army Rangers, is killed in Afghanistan. The Army says Tillman was killed by the enemy in a prolonged firefight.

April 30: CBS' "60 Minutes II" broadcasts graphic photos, taken in late 2003, of American soldiers grinning as they abuse Iraqis in the Abu Ghraib prison.

April 30: U.S. Marines transfer security of Fallujah to Iraqis led by Jasim Muhammad Saleh, a former general and member of Sad-



JOE GROHELSKI/Stars and Stripes

**Veterans and other visitors to Washington flocked to the National World War II Memorial in the days before its dedication on May 29.**

dam Hussein's Republican Guard.

## May

May 4: Defense Department officials announce 135,000 U.S. soldiers will remain in Iraq through 2005, even though an earlier plan said that number would be reduced to 150,000 by the end of May 2004.

May 5: Bush appears on Arab television to call abuse and deaths of Iraqi prisoners "abhorrent." Bush criticizes Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for not informing him about the photos earlier.

May 19: In the first court-martial in the prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq, Spc. Jeremy Shotts is pleaded guilty to several charges.

May 20: U.S. troops and Iraqis confiscate computers and ransack headquarters of Ahmad Chalabi, a member of the Iraqi Governing Council who had been receiving a monthly stipend from the U.S. government.

May 28: The Islamic government and Sudan People's Liberation Army agree to end civil war that has lasted more than 20 years and claimed about 2 million people, but fighting continues in the western Darfur region between Arab militias and black Africans.

May 28: Iyad Allawi, former exile and member of the Iraqi Governing Council, is chosen as Iraq's interim prime minister.

May 29: The new National World War II Memorial is dedicated in Washington, with almost 10,000 veterans of that war in attendance.

May 30: The Washington Post cites an

Army investigation report that Spc. Pat Tillman was killed by friendly fire.

## June

June 1: U.N. peacekeepers arrive in Haiti to begin taking over for the Marine-led multinational force.

June 2: The Army announces that troops heading for service in Iraq and Afghanistan face extended tours.

June 7: Pentagon officials announce plans to withdraw about 12,500 U.S. troops from South Korea.

June 23: Bush administration offers fuel oil and a "provisional security guarantee" to the "Korean Peninsula Energy Project" and begins to dismantle its nuclear program.

June 24: North Korea threatens to test a nuclear weapon.

June 27: Iraq's "Islamic Reaction" group threatens to behead Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassan, an American of Lebanese descent, unless the U.S. releases all Iraqi prisoners. Hassan later turns up in his native Lebanon, and is returned to U.S. custody.

June 29: Pentagon officials announce the call-up of 5,600 inactive Ready Reserve soldiers for service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## July

July 1: Saddam Hussein appears in Iraqi court for the first time to be arraigned on charges of crimes against humanity.

July 22: The U.S. Army inspector general contradicts the findings of Army Lt. Gen. Antonio Taguba, says rogue soldiers, not systemic problems, caused prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib.

Saddam

## August

Aug. 5: Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr orders an uprising against coalition troops. Violence flares in Najaf and Baghdad; hundreds of Iraqis are killed.

Aug. 16: Bush announces that the Pentagon will withdraw 60,000 to 70,000 troops from Europe and Asia over the next 10 years.

Aug. 28: Al-Sadr agrees to deal brokered by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani to end the siege of Najaf and Kufa.

## September

Sept. 7: The American death toll in Iraq reaches 1,000 troops.

Sept. 29: Judges in Yemen sentence Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri and Jamal al-Badawi to death for plotting the 2001 attack on the American destroyer USS Cole.

## October

Oct. 1-3: In a battle that later will be held up as a model for the fight for Fallujah, more than 5,000 U.S. soldiers, assisted by newly trained Iraqi troops, take over Samarra from militants.

Oct. 9: Afghanistan holds elections. Despite allegations of fraud by some of the 17 presidential candidates, Hamid Karzai is declared the winner Nov. 3.

Oct. 24: Fifty new graduates of a coalition-sponsored Iraqi Army training course are executed en masse by insurgents loyal to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Oct. 25: The New York Times reports that about 380 tons of explosives disappeared from Iraq's al-Qadisiya military installation sometime after the U.S.-led war began in 2003.

## November

Nov. 8: U.S. forces initiate an all-out assault on Fallujah, which had been under the control of insurgents since May.

Nov. 16: Bush nominates his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, as secretary of State. Rice's deputy, Stephen Hadley, is named to succeed Rice.

Nov. 30: The New York Times reports that International Committee of the Red Cross found military personnel used techniques on prisoners held at the Guantanamo prison in Cuba "harsh enough to torture."

Nov. 30: Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announces his resignation.

## December

Dec. 8: A soldier in Kuwait asks Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld why his unit's Humvees and other transport trucks aren't equipped with protective armor, prompting question from Congress and the media about why, after two years of war, only 75 percent of all transport vehicles in the Middle East theater are armored.

Dec. 21: Twenty-two people, including 14 U.S. troops, are killed and 69 personnel wounded in an attack on a dining facility at a U.S. base in Mosul.

Dec. 21: Cpl. Hassan begins his Article 32 pretrial investigation at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Hassan is charged with desertion after he disappeared from his unit in Iraq and claimed to be kidnapped.

Dec. 27: Pacific Command dispatches ships, aircraft and 3,700 troops to aid in disaster relief efforts for victims of the earthquake and tsunami catastrophe in the Indian Ocean.

Compiled by Lisa Burgess, Stars and Stripes

Sources: www.infolinks.com; Stars and Stripes news stories.

Army Spc. Lyndine England, of the 372nd Military Police Company, became the face of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq.

THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

# 25 insurgents killed in assault on U.S. post

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents tried to ram a truck with half a ton of explosives into a U.S. military post in the northern city of Mosul on Thursday, then ambushed reinforcements in a huge gunbattle in which 25 rebels and one American soldier were killed. Warplanes fired missiles and strafed gunmen during the fight.

The assault on the outpost, which U.S. soldiers finally repulsed, appeared to be better coordinated than past attacks, with guerrillas apparently pulling out their strongest assaults in an effort to derail Jan. 30 elections, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said.

"The terrorists are growing more desperate in their attempts to derail the elections, and they're trying to put it all on the line and give it all they can," Hastings said.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has become a hotbed of insurgent activity in the past several months. A suicide bomber infiltrated a U.S. bander, a city last week, detonating his explosives in a dining tent and killing 22 people, including 18 Americans. The radical Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the attack.

Wednesday's clashes began



An Iraqi boy looks out Thursday from the rubble of the building destroyed the day before in Mosul. U.S. troops and warplanes killed at least 25 insurgents as they attacked an American outpost in northern Iraq with a car bomb and explosives. One American soldier died in the ambush.

when a truck approached the base, and American troops opened fire. The truck, laden with 1,000 pounds of explosives, blew

up just outside, Hastings said.

Reinforcements came under fire by guerrillas using automatic weapons and rocket-propelled

grenades and moving in squads of between 10 and 12. A heavily armored Straker vehicle that had left the outpost moments before

the truck bomb came across seven roadside bombs that had been laid out for its return, Hastings said. The bombs were detonated safely.

The Americans then called in strikes by F-18 and F-16 fighter jets, which launched three Maverick missiles and conducted several strafing runs against the insurgents. The result was 25 insurgents and one American soldier killed. Twenty Americans were wounded, but 17 returned to duty within hours.

Insurgents have shown an increasing sophistication in their attacks. In Baghdad on Wednesday, guerrillas used an anonymous tip to lure Iraqi police and national guards to a house in a staunchly Baathist neighborhood. They then set off a massive explosion in the house, killing 22 civilians and seven officers.

The latest clash in Mosul came as U.S. troops launched a new offensive in an area south of the capital dubbed the "triangle of death," in an apparent effort to secure the region ahead of the crucial parliamentary election on Jan. 30.

Brig. Gen. Jeffery Hammond, assistant commander of the 1st Cavalry Division that controls Baghdad, said Wednesday that U.S. troops were focusing on areas around Mahmodiyah, a town about 25 miles south of the capital.

## Army tries to repair marriages

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING  
The Associated Press

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — When Sgt. Jose Bermudez returned from Iraq early this year, he came home to a new baby and a troubled marriage.

"We were on the brink of divorce," Mandy Bermudez acknowledged as the couple ate lunch recently with their three children, all under age 3.

The Bermudezes were among 300 couples with the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division who have attended "marriage enrichment" seminars put on by the Army in hopes of saving war-ravaged relationships.

With studies showing divorce rates as high as about 20 percent over two years among couples whose one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on a variety of marriage programs, including vouchers for romantic getaways to places like the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

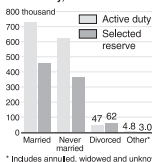
"I've been in the Army 20 years, and I've never seen this Army pay for programs like this," said Lt. Col. Chester Egert, chaplain for the 101st.

One program being implemented Armywide teaches couples forgiveness and the skills to communicate. It includes a 40-hour course with lessons on the dan-

## Marriages hurt in times of war

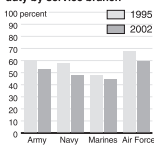
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Percentage of married active duty by service branch



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gers of alcohol and tobacco and how to recognize post-traumatic stress. Soldiers who complete it are rewarded with promotion points and a weekend retreat with their spouse.

"If you learn those skills, you can make an impact on the number of divorces, and the number, we think, of reports of physical violence," said Col. Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Chief of Chaplains.

To make the program more desirable, commanders are encouraged to give their soldiers time off to attend. Baby-sitting is often provided.

"What we're trying to do is change the culture, that it's OK to work on your marriage and take some time, and invest in your lifelong relationship — especially now when we're asking so much of your military spouses," Bloomstrom said.

José Bermudez said it seems as if everyone he knows at Fort Campbell is either getting a divorce or contemplating one. Many couples want to get things decided because the division has been alerted it could return to Iraq as early as mid-2005.

At Fort Campbell and elsewhere, many couples got married right before one spouse left for Iraq. Others, like the Bermudezes, have been married longer but still have spent little time together.

Mandy Bermudez said part of the problem with their marriage was that he had trouble adjusting to the routine she had established for herself while he was in Iraq.

She said the two joined a church, and "it turned our marriage around." He and his wife decided to stay together.

"It's worth it to try and work it out," José Bermudez said.

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,325 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,041 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally, but not unusual for the figures to differ slightly from day to day.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,187 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 932 deaths resulting from

## Militants warn voters

BAGHDAD — Three Iraqi militant groups issued a joint statement Thursday warning Iraqis not to take part in the upcoming elections and condemning democracy as "un-Islamic."

The statement, posted on the Web site of the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, told Iraqis not to be part of "the force of democracy and elections."

The statement, signed by Ansar

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A servicemember died Thursday in a non-hostile incident in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Navy Seaman Pablo Pena Briones Jr., 22, Anaheim, Calif.; died Tuesday of a non-hostile gunshot wound in Fallujah, Iraq, assigned to 1st Marine Division Detachment, Naval Medical Center San Diego.

■ Army Spc Jose A. Rivera-Serrano, 26, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; killed Monday by an explosive in Baghdad, Iraq, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Marine Staff Sgt. Jason A. Lehto, 31, Mount Clemens, Mich.; died Tuesday in a non-hostile incident in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to Marine Forces Reserve Marine Wing Support Group 47, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Mount Clemens, Mich.

al-Sunnah Army, the Islamic Army in Iraq and the Mujahideen Army, said that democracy could lead to passing un-Islamic laws, such as permitting homosexuality, if the majority agrees to it.

On Wednesday, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army issued a statement warning it will target all those who take part in the elections. The group described polling stations as "centers of atheism."

From The Associated Press

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# National Guard: Jacks of all trades in Iraq

Many Guard soldiers' tasks are far cry from their civilian jobs

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO  
Stars and Stripes

**TAJI, Iraq** — Spc. Gary Trabusio lies prone on the M88 recovery vehicle, tinkering with the engine of the monstrous tracked machine.

In the National Guard, the 24-year-old is a vehicle mechanic assigned to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry. At home in Staten Island, Trabusio is a cop with the New York Police Department's school safety division.

What do those jobs have in common?

"Nothing at all," he says with a laugh.

Back home, Spc. Paul Dwyer, a 25-year-old from Lynbrook, N.Y., scans documents into computers for a law firm. In Iraq, he's also a mechanic with the 1st of the 69th.

"That's why I joined the Guard, to learn how to work on all kinds of vehicles," Dwyer says.

As the third wave of U.S. troops arrives in Iraq, their numbers include more National Guard and Reserve units than ever. And for the citizen-soldiers, their civilian jobs may have something, or nothing, to do with their military specialty.

Consider, for example, these soldiers and their tasks: Spc. Joshua Suire, 22, Crowley, La., mortar platoon; student, Sgt. Sherry Landry, 29, Lafayette, La., general staff, occupational health tester, Staff Sgt. Robert Burns, 36, New Iberia, La., infantry; sheriff's deputy, Pfc. Ronald Boudreaux, 20, Gramercy, La., artillery, construction.

National Guard units have always been activated for a variety of tasks. Since 1969, for example, the 1st of the 69th from New York City has been called up for a postal strike, a state prison guard strike, in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and now for service in Iraq.

The 256th Brigade Combat Team, National Guard, unit from Louisiana, was activated during the last war with Iraq but did not deploy. This time, they were activated, sent to Fort Hood, Texas, and the National Training Center in California, and now operate in an area north and west of Baghdad, falling under command of the Cavalry Division.

National Guard units currently make up nearly 40 percent of the 150,000 U.S. troops in and around Iraq. And the Pentagon said an additional 8,000 are in Afghanistan, according to the head of the National Guard Bureau.

They have been 100,000 Guard soldiers activated in the United States or overseas at any given time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, officials said. On Wednesday, the Pentagon said the total number of Army National Guard and Army Reserve on active duty is 159,222.

Sgt. Jayish Rios, 25, New York City, infantry, previous active-duty Army. Cpl. Lou Olander,



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**Above:** Spc. Paul Dwyer, right, and Spc. Gary Trabusio, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, work on an M88 recovery vehicle dubbed "The Deacon" in Taji, Iraq. **Neither Dwyer or Trabusio are mechanics in the civilian world, but both have that military specialty in the National Guard.** **Right:** Sgt. Joseph Shanks, 25, of Baker, La., is a Humvee gunner with the 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, a National Guard unit. **Back home, he works for the Georgia Pacific paper company.**

21, New York, N.Y., medic; residential building doorman. Staff Sgt. Feliberto Rivery, 47, Bronx, N.Y., infantry; school maintenance worker. Sgt. Wayne Rabinowitz, 57, New York, N.Y., unit clerk; full-time National Guard.

Back home on Long Island, Lt. Col. Geoff Slack runs a third-generation tree-trimming business, as he calls it. More technically, he jokes, he can be called an arborist.

In Iraq, he commands the 1st of the 69th, and goes into the field so often that he has two personal security teams which work on shifts. Slack has quickly gained a reputation among his soldiers as a driven man who expects a lot from his men, but who gives the same in return. Some who haven't known him for long thought he was a cop or firefighter in his civilian life.

One of the great things about the Guard, Slack says, is how long many of the soldiers in the unit have known one another. He's known some of his soldiers and their families for nearly two decades. But that closeness can have a downside.

The Fighting 69th, a nickname the battalion earned in the Civil War, has suffered three deaths since arriving in Iraq. Another six soldiers have been wounded so badly they will not return to service.

"It hits you hard. Very hard," Slack says. "When we get back to New York, I need to be able to look those families in the eye and

tell them their loss meant something."

Sgt. Donald Pinkston, 34, Greenwood, Miss., infantry; State Department Diplomatic Security Service. Sgt. Luis Villegas, 23, New York, N.Y., infantry; college student. Capt. Martin Ortiz, 45, Los Angeles, Calif., medic; pediatrician. Spc. Jason Garcia, 24, New York, N.Y., legal clerk/public affairs; hip-hop music industry.

Sgt. Brad Domingue, a 26-year-old from Carencro, La., serves as a medic with the 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment. For the past six years, he has worked as an emergency medical technician on an ambulance crew.

His military job dovetails perfectly with his civilian occupation, sometimes in surprising ways. A few weeks back, during a raid on a compound near Baghdad, Domingue was working with troops keeping security around the target.

As U.S. troops tried to overcome language barriers and allow some local traffic to pass through the area, Domingue's medical training came into play. He checked the medication and allowed a monitor readout of one man in the car, determining that he had a serious medical condition and was on the way to the hospital. The car was allowed through; its occupants profusely thanked the soldiers.

When he gets back home from Iraq, Domingue said, he's thinking of starting his own private ambulance company with one of his former co-workers.



Spc. Darrick Jefferson, 25, Boyce, La., water purification; security guard. Master Sgt. Rudy Brown, 56, New Orleans, logistics; state food services adviser. Sgt. Chris Blanchard, 24, Broussard, La., supply; wireless phone sales. Sgt. 1st Class Mary Meigs, 37, Alexandria, La., personnel services noncommissioned officer; full-time National Guard.

Maj. Lee Wright, 41, of Crowley, La., serves as the 256th Brigade's information operations officer. As he describes it, his job is to synchronize and coordinate the messages of the psychological operations, public affairs and civil affairs teams.

"It's kind of like being an orchestra conductor," he says.

In his civilian life, Wright is a food chemist for a company that produces additive blends for sports nutrition products and other consumables. His job has come into play in Iraq in a few surprising ways.

Within the 256th's area of operations, he said, is a pharmaceutical plant the locals are trying to get working again. Back home, Wright was doing research-and-development work with the type of equipment being used at the plant in Iraq. His experience also helps in the largely agricultural area where the brigade is operating.

"In our business back home, we have extensive interactions with the rice, wheat and corn industries, from the basic level through processing," Wright said. "This being a predominantly agricultural area, I've already started using those contacts to help with that."

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## IN THE STATES

# Congress set to send tsunami aid

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When a new Congress convenes next week, lawmakers will call on the Bush administration to do all it can to help victims of the tsunamis in Asia and Africa. Questions of how much aid will be needed — and how to pay for it — will come later.

Lawmakers and congressional aides say the Bush administration should have enough funds available for immediate relief operations without having to request more right away.

But more money will likely be needed at some point to replenish emergency funds depleted by the disaster and to help pay for longer term relief and reconstruction.

The chairman of the House International Relations Committee, Congressman Henry Hyde, said Thursday he will introduce legislation to help victims of the tsunamis.

Some lawmakers say a request could be part of a package expected early next year for \$75 billion to \$100 billion.

A senior Democrat, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said the ad-

ministration should seek new funds as part of the Iraq package instead of stripping money from existing foreign aid programs, such as those fighting childhood hunger and diseases.

Another option, Leahy said, would be using billions of unused dollars intended for Iraq reconstruction. The administration has spent little of the \$18.4 billion in reconstruction funds approved by Congress last year, citing security problems and bureaucratic delays.

"That would be the quickest and easiest way because you wouldn't have to hurt the most devastated to help the most devastated," said Leahy, top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, which oversees foreign aid.

But Rep. Jim Kolbe, an Arizona Republican who chairs the House Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, cautioned against shifting money from Iraq reconstruction. He said those funds were supposed to be spent over three years.

"It's not as though they haven't spent it because it's not needed," he said.

## A dry run for New York's big night



Times Square Alliance President Tim Tompkins tosses confetti out his office window in Times Square in New York on Wednesday during the annual "air worthiness test" of the confetti that will be used for the Times Square 2005 New Year's Eve celebration. The simulation is in preparation for the release by hand of 3,000 pounds of confetti from various buildings in Times Square at midnight EST on New Year's Eve.

## Ark. judge: Denying gays foster rights unconstitutional

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A state ban on placing foster children in any household with a gay member was struck down when a judge ruled that the state agency enforcing it overstepped its authority by trying to regulate "public morality."

Ruling in a case brought by the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Pulaski County Circuit Judge Timothy Fox declared the ban unconstitutional Wednesday.

At issue was a 1999 board regulation that said gays

cannot become foster parents, and foster children cannot be placed in any home with a gay person.

The ACLU had argued that the regulation violates the equal-protection rights of gays. But the judge's ruling did not turn on that argument.

Instead, Fox noted that the Arkansas Legislature gave the state Child Welfare Agency Review board the power to "promote the health, safety and welfare of children," but the ban does not accomplish that. Rather, he said the regulation seeks to regulate "public morality" — something the board was not given the authority to do.

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# Western states hit hard by storms

## Seven dead after heavy rain, snow, tornado

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A slow-rolling series of storms that battered parts of the western United States this week had more precipitation in store for California, where weather-weary residents have already endured lashing rain, heavy snowfall and a destructive tornado.

Since the wild weather began slogging ashore Monday, five deaths in California and two in Colorado have been blamed on storms. Two canoeists were missing in Arizona.

Authorities began assessing damage from mudslides and swollen creeks in northern Arizona, where a dozen Sedona-area neighborhoods were evacuated because of flooding Wednesday.

Large recreational vehicles could be seen floating down a swollen creek in Page Springs.

Authorities in Prescott were still searching

for two missing students whose canoe capsized in flooded Granite Creek. A third student had gotten out of the water to look for help.

California had been taking the brunt of the Pacific barrage, and more rain and wind were forecast for the northern California coast by Thursday night. A winter storm warning was posted around Lake Tahoe, with snow accumulations of up to 20 inches and wind gusts up to 55 mph.

Scattered showers were forecast Thursday in southern areas, where two days of downpours have brought up to 12 inches of rain. A tornado struck the Los Angeles suburbs of Inglewood and Ladera Heights on Wednesday, snapping trees and damaging cars, but causing no injuries.

Power outages hit more than 140,000 customers across five counties and portions of several highways were closed because of flooding, mud or snow.



Residents watch flood water pass in front of their home Wednesday in Kachina Village, about six miles south of Flagstaff, Ariz.

## McDonald's study

OAK BROOK, Ill. — McDonald's Corp. is considering whether to require its processors to use a method for slaughtering poultry that animal rights groups say is more humane.

The fast-food giant said it is studying the possibility of "controlled atmosphere killing," in which chickens are put to sleep with an inert gas, such as nitrogen or argon.

It would replace a slaughtering process in which chickens are hung by their legs on a moving conveyor line and pulled through an electrified vat of water.

McDonald's will post the results of the study on its Web site by June 30, said Patricia Paul, senior director of corporate governance.

## Malpractice bill

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Maryland General Assembly approved a medical malpractice overhaul package early Thursday aimed at cutting doctors' skyrocketing insurance costs, but Gov. Robert Ehrlich said he would veto it because it includes a tax on HMO premiums.

Ehrlich proposed strict restrictions on malpractice lawsuits, arguing that frivolous suits and excessive awards had driven up the cost of insurance to the point that some doctors were shutting down their practices.

But the bill developed by House and Senate negotiators also would apply a 2 percent tax on HMO premiums, adamantly opposed by Ehrlich.

From The Associated Press

# FBI investigating lasers shined in cockpits

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Authorities are investigating a mysterious laser beam that was directed into the cockpit of a commercial jet traveling at more than 8,500 feet.

The beam appeared Monday when the plane was about 15 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the FBI said.

"It was in there for several seconds like [the plane] was being tracked," FBI agent Robert

Hawk said.

The pilot was able to land the plane, and air traffic controllers used radar to determine the laser came from a residential area in suburban Warrensville Heights.

Hawk said the laser had to have been fairly sophisticated to track a plane traveling at that altitude. Authorities had no other leads, and are investigating whether the incident was a prank or if there was a more sinister motive.

In Colorado Springs, Colo., Monday night, two pilots reported green pulsating laser lights shined into their cockpits. Both the passenger plane and a cargo plane landed without problems.

Police dispatched patrol cars and a helicopter to a neighborhood to investigate but found nothing. FBI agents were continuing to conduct interviews, agency spokeswoman Monique Kelo said.

Federal officials have ex-

pressed concern about terrorists using laser beams, which can distract or temporarily blind a pilot.

The FAA mandates that laser light shows must register their locations and the lights cannot be directed above 3,000 feet.

Lasers are also often used by construction companies to line up foundations.

Interfering with a commercial flight is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

# 300 passengers trapped aboard grounded airplane for 8 hours

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A 10-hour flight from the Netherlands stretched into 28 as passengers diverted from Seattle-Tacoma International

Airport by fog sat on the ground at a central Washington airport, stuck on the plane because of custom regulations.

Food and water ran short for the approximately 300 passengers aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 33, and the toilets stopped working as the hours dragged on. At least 20 passengers were treated for medical conditions before passengers were finally allowed to stretch their legs late in the evening.

"It's like we're hostages without being in any kind of hostage situation," passenger Misha Shmidt, a violinist with the Seattle Symphony, told The Seattle Times while on the plane Tuesday night.

The flight finally arrived at

Sea-Tac at 6:26 a.m. Wednesday, 18 hours after its scheduled 12:30 p.m. Tuesday arrival.

Heavy fog at Sea-Tac forced the crew of the DC-10-30 to circle the Seattle airport until fuel ran low and the plane had to be diverted across the Cascade Range to Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake. Since embarking on what was supposed to be a 10-hour nonstop flight from Amsterdam, passengers had already been on the plane for roughly 12 hours by the time it arrived at 2:20 p.m.

As passengers waited, food ran out and water had to be rationed.

## Buses stopped outside Navy base in Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va. — Authorities barricaded two buses Thursday morning outside the world's largest U.S. Navy base after an unidentified caller referring to a bus wanted Norfolk police. "A lot of people are going to die."

A sweep of the two buses outside Norfolk Naval Station turned up no explosives, police spokesman Chris Amos said, and the Navy labeled the threat a hoax.

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# Rare stranger-to-stranger organ donation

BY CHERYL WITTENAUER  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Madolena Key was scheduled to donate a kidney to her husband in 2002 when a perfectly matched organ from a deceased donor became available.

Just like that, Key's kidney wasn't needed. Until she thought about it for awhile.

Key contacted Mid-America Transplant Services the following January and said she would like to donate her kidney any-

way — to someone else in need.

Her husband's ordeal with kidney disease and dialysis had taught Key that 60,000 people in the United States are waiting for a kidney transplant.

"I thought, 'Why not do that for someone else?'" said Key, 43, a bank manager.

On Wednesday, Key and the recipient of her kidney, Tracy Griffin, 37, met for the first time at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, where doctors performed the surgeries in November 2003. Key leaped from her

chair to meet Griffin, and the women hugged and wept, exchanging greetings as they wiped away tears.

"I've got a large family that's waiting to meet you," Key told Griffin, who has had diabetes since childhood.

Key's gift to Griffin is one of only 263 stranger-to-stranger organ donations in the United States since the first one in 1998, according to the Richmond, Va.-based United Network for Organ Sharing, which oversees the U.S. organ procurement and transplantation network.



A year after Madolena Key, right, donated a kidney to Tracy Griffin, they met at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

## 2 killed in plant blast

MUSKOGEE, Okla. — Emergency workers found the bodies of two men on Wednesday in the wreckage created by an explosion at a scrap metal plant that was felt up to 50 miles away.

The burned bodies were found near the oil-fueled furnace used to melt aluminum at the Yaffe Iron and Metals plant, Muskogee Sheriff's Chief Deputy Darrin Smith said.

The two workers killed were Ernesto Chavez, 24, and Joaquin Prada, Yaffe company board chairman Bob Yaffe said. At the time of the explosion, Prada was operating a forklift which puts aluminum into the furnace; Chavez was behind the lift.

No foul play was suspected.

## Leukemia drug OK'd

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Genzyme Corp. won approval for a childhood leukemia drug under an accelerated government approval process for potentially life-saving treatments.

The drug Clolar on Wednesday won Food and Drug Administration approval to treat patients aged 1 to 21 who have exhausted other treatment options for acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The medication is the first new leukemia treatment cleared specifically for pediatric use in more than a decade, Cambridge-based Genzyme said.

The FDA granted Clolar orphan drug status, which provides seven years of market exclusivity for treating pediatric cases of the most common form of childhood leukemia.

The drug was approved under the FDA's accelerated approval process.

## Parolees' pledge

AUSTIN, Texas — More than 200 Texans on parole from drunken driving and other alcohol-related offenses have been instructed to sign pledges that they will not return from 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 6 a.m. the next day.

In response to the ban, a Houston state senator said Wednesday he wants to make sure that former prisoners are treated fairly as they try to rebuild their lives.

"Punishment is important, but rehabilitation is equally important," said Sen. John Whitacre, D-Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. "It appears that someone in TDCJ believes these folks should continue to be punished once they are out."

Parole officers will be working statewide to randomly call and visit parolees to make sure they are home.

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## IN THE WORLD

## WHO: Up to 5M lacking survival basics

## Death toll tops 117,000 in Asia; survivors fight disease, crocodiles

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT

The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Up to 5 million people around the tsunami-struck Indian Ocean region do not have access to the basics they need to stay alive — clean water, shelter, food, sanitation and health care, the U.N. World Health Organization said, saying it needed \$40 million dollars to get those supplies to victims.

The death toll from last week-end's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe rose to more than 117,000 Thursday as Indonesia uncovered more and more dead from ravaged Sumatra island, where pilots dropped food to remote villages still unreachable by rescue workers. A false alarm that new killer waves were about to hit sparked panic in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The increase in the death toll came after Indonesia reported nearly 28,000 newly confirmed dead in Sumatra, which was closest to the earthquake's epicenter and was overwhelmed by the tsunami that followed. Some 60 percent of Banda Aceh, the main city in northern Sumatra, was destroyed, the U.N. children's agency estimated, and 115 miles of the island's northwest coast — lined with villages — was inundated.

Another zone where officials have hardly begun to get a sense of the human cost was India's remote Andaman and Nicobar islands, just northwest of Sumatra, where entire villages were wiped out. The region's administrator said Thursday that 10,000 people were missing.

Survivors who reached the archipelago's main city, Port Blair, said they had not eaten for two days and people had to contend with hungry crocodiles that were washed ashore. "Two or three crocodiles started coming toward us," said Sister Charity, a 32-year-old nun, describing her rescue from a small island by the navy. "The navy officers had to

fire their revolvers to ward off the crocodiles."

International governments have so far donated some \$500 million for victims of the disaster, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said.

Indonesia, with around 80,000 dead, was the worst hit, followed by Sri Lanka with 27,200, India with more than 7,300 and Thailand at 2,400. The total across 11 nations in southern Asia and East Africa was likely to rise, with thousands still missing and fears that disease could bring a new wave of deaths.

Tens of thousands of residents fled coasts in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand after warnings that a new tsunami was about to strike after new aftershocks hit the Indian Ocean Thursday.

India issued a tsunami warning at midday, but then hours later its science minister, Kapil Sibal, went on television to announce the warning was incorrect and based on information received from a U.S. research firm.

Several aftershocks were recorded in the Indian Ocean, but experts said they were not strong enough to spark a tsunami.

Meanwhile, military ships and planes rushed to get desperately needed aid to Sumatra's ravaged coast.

Food drops began along the coast, mostly of instant noodles and medicines, with some of the areas "hard to reach because they are surrounded by cliffs," said Budi Adituro, head of the government's relief team.

Government institutions in Aceh province, on Sumatra's northern tip, have ceased to function and basic supplies such as fuel have almost run out. But even as hope for the missing dwindled, survivors continued to turn up.

In Sri Lanka, a lone fisherman named Sini Mohammed Sarfudeen was rescued Wednesday by an air force helicopter crew after clinging to his wave-tossed boat for three days.



Silvarani, a tsunami victim, cries after seeing her damaged house Thursday at a fishermen's colony at Nagappattinam, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

AP photos

## Magnitude makes death toll hard to tabulate

BY S. SRINIVASAN

The Associated Press

CUDDALORE, India — Armies of officials are tabulating the deaths caused by the tsunami that struck a dozen countries in Asia and Africa last weekend. The grim task is often imprecise.

There is meticulous record keeping in many areas of India, but bulldozers push bodies into mass graves in other places in Asia, forcing officials to make guesstimates.

"You are dealing with a lot of imperfections," said Steve Hollingsworth, director of India's branch of the international aid group CARE. "People are dealing with a chaotic situation."

So far, the death toll across 11 nations has exceeded 117,000.

In India, a network of bureaucratic foot soldiers — local health, police and revenue officials — are recording every death in five-column registers resembling school notebooks: one column each for the victim's name, age, parents' names, address and two identification marks. A photograph is taken of each body.

Sri Lanka follows a similar pro-



A motorist covers his nose to avoid the stench of a corpse Thursday in Banda Aceh, Aceh province, Indonesia.

cess, although the military, police, the National Disaster Management Center and government ministers give different death tolls.

When asked whether the government could coordinate efforts to come up with one figure, the center's director, Nimal Hettiarachi, snapped, "Sorry, don't

ask me this question."

In Indonesia, officials swamped by the vast numbers admit they have been forced to make crude estimates, such as by taking the number of bodies in one mass grave and multiplying it by the number of graves. In other cases, they estimate the population of a village, count the survivors and assume the rest have been killed.

"At first, we counted the bodies during the evacuation, but later, when we found there were too many others, then we became confused," said Irfan Rachman, a volunteer with the Indonesian Red Cross.

"Therefore, we only based our estimation on the number of corpses buried in the mass graves — one for about 400 corpses."

On Wednesday, officials in Indonesia's Aceh province bulldozed hundreds of bodies into pits.

No photos were taken, and no details were recorded.

"We have to do this because of the smell and the health concern.

We're facing a major health hazard and we leave them lying around," acting Aceh Gov. Azwar Abu Bakar said. "We have no refrigerators to keep these bodies."



Refugees line up at a makeshift camp at St. Michael's College in the eastern coastal town of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, on Thursday to receive food rations after their fishing village was destroyed by a tsunami.

## Swedish child's father found

PHUKET, Thailand — A Swedish toddler was reunited with his father Wednesday, days after being found alone in the aftermath of the deadly tsunami that swept Asia.

Hannes Bergstrom was found after the waves subsided Sunday and taken to a hospital on this resort island for treatment. His photo was posted on the Internet on Monday.

The two-year-old's uncle saw the photo and

claimed the boy Tuesday. On Wednesday, the child was reunited with his father, Marko Karkkainen, at a hospital on the southern Thai island of Phuket, where both father and son were receiving treatment.

Hannes, his face scratched and pocked with mosquito bites, looked puzzled as his father choked up with emotion.

Despite the joy of seeing one another again, the day was tinged with sadness and anxiety. Suzanne Bergstrom, the boy's mother, is still among some 5,000 people missing in Thailand.

From The Associated Press

# Powell vows to help tsunami victims in Asia

## Bush pledges long-term aid

By ANNE GEARAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell, extending "sympathy and condolences" in a visit Thursday to the Embassy of Thailand, vowed that the Bush administration will follow through on commitments that it has made to help the victims of the Asian and African tsunamis.

"You can be sure that the president is determined to do what is necessary to deal with this challenge," he told reporters at the Thai embassy. "We're working very closely with the international community."

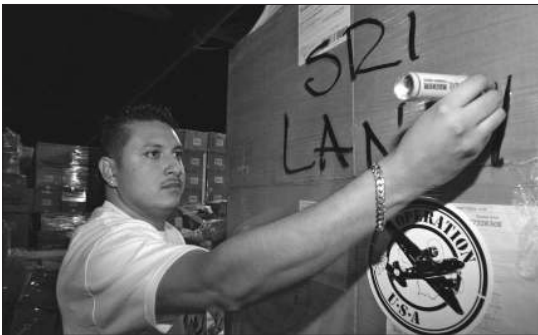
Powell was making a round of visits to the embassies of nations ravaged by the disaster as Rep. Henry J. Hyde, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, said that he was drafting legislation to assist victims and to help to introduce it early next year.

"The infrastructure of daily life is simply gone," said Hyde, R-Ill.

A congressional delegation headed by Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, a former U.S. foreign service officer, is scheduled to visit Thailand and Sri Lanka next week.

During his visit to the Thai embassy, Powell spoke anew of the death and destruction spawned by the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis. He told reporters that in the last 24 hours, a half dozen planes from the U.S. Agency for International Development have landed or are en route to nations affected by the tsunami.

Powell also alluded to the



In the Wilmington area of Los Angeles, Operation USA warehouse coordinator Tony Shannon on Wednesday prepares a shipment of medical supplies that will be sent to tsunami-ravaged Sri Lanka.

roughly \$35 million in emergency aid already committed as "just a beginning."

"It's going to take a lot more," he said. "This is the time to make sure that we get a good needs assessment." The death toll there has reached more than 117,000.

On Wednesday, Andrew Natios, head of the development agency, told reporters: "Our efforts are focused, with the rest of the international community, on water and sanitation, because that is the greatest risk to people's lives."

Water and sewage systems were inundated by the enormous surge of water that hit coastal areas of 11 countries on Sunday following an earthquake deep in the Indian Ocean. Debris and corpses are also a health hazard.

President Bush assembled a four-nation coalition to organize humanitarian relief, and promised that the United States would help bankroll long-term rebuilding.

"It's just beyond our comprehension to think about how many lives have been lost," Bush said after emerging from a holiday vacation at his Texas ranch to make his first comments on the disaster.

Marc Grossman, undersecretary of state, will lead a U.S. task force to coordinate the American response and urge other nations to assist in relief efforts. He participated in a 40-minute conference call Wednesday night with senior Japanese, Australian and Indian officials.

State Department spokesman

Noel Clay said they agreed to try to avoid duplicating efforts, by each other and the United Nations, to help the victims.

From airlifts of rice and water purifiers to the deployment of Marine humanitarian assistance teams and warships, the United States marshaled resources across the globe to augment its initial \$35 million aid package and make sure the hardest hit locations got the short-term help they requested.

Bush said he phoned the leaders of stricken countries to solicit specific needs and assure them the initial aid package "is only the beginning of our help." He also laid the foundation for a long-term international recovery plan by forming the coalition with Japan, Australia and India and inviting other nations to join.

For a full list of U.S. aid agencies, visit [www.stripes.com/relief.html](http://www.stripes.com/relief.html)

### Accepting donations

The following aid agencies are accepting contributions for assistance that they or their affiliates are providing for those affected by the earthquake and tidal waves in Asia. U.S. organizations are members of InterAction, a coalition of relief, development and refugee assistance agencies. InterAction can be reached at 202-667-8227.

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## U.S. to aid Asia from Thai base

By MIKE CORDER  
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — A Thai air base that accommodated U.S. bomber planes during the Vietnam War is being used by the American military again as the hub of its tsunami relief effort in the Indian Ocean.

U.S. officials said Thursday that transport planes and personnel already are flying into and out of Utaapao, about 90 miles south of Bangkok.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said P-3 Orion surveillance planes were already flying search and rescue missions over Thailand and the first supply planes arrived in Thailand overnight.

The Pentagon has said C-130 cargo planes would haul relief supplies to Thailand from Yokota Air Base in Japan. They will also be used to ferry supplies, people and whatever's needed "from Utaapao to affected areas, the embassy spokesman said in a telephone interview.



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Staff Sgt. Gilbert Deleon, right, of the 613th Security Forces Squadron, 613th Contingency Response Group from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, looks out over the Andersen flightline Tuesday while boarding a KC-135A headed for Utaapao, Thailand, with a 52-member team in support of the relief efforts in southern Asia.

In coming days, the crews could begin making airdrops of emergency water supplies.

"There's going to be planes and people zipping off all over the place," he said.

Utaapao is well known to pilots of the Vietnam War, when it served as a base for U.S. B-52 bombers.

A military forensic team also was due to arrive to help in the huge task of identifying

the dead. Some 80,000 people are feared dead and millions are homeless in nearly a dozen countries after last week's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

The military also dispatched ships from an aircraft battle group to help with the relief effort. The USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group, which was in Hong Kong, was diverted to the Gulf of Thailand.

## New Year's a time to honor victims

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — New Year celebrations across Southeast Asia will be turned into remembrance services for those killed or affected by the quake and tsunami, with some events canceled outright.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi ordered all government-level celebrations to be canceled and substituted with prayer ceremonies, urging the private sector to do likewise.

So far, organizers have scrapped New Year's Eve countdown parties and concerts typically held at landmarks such as the Petronas Twin Towers.

In Hong Kong, the Tourism Commission canceled fireworks displays scheduled for New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Jan. 2 New Year's Day.

Singapore's main arts center said its New Year's Eve performance would now be a remembrance service for the hundreds of thousands killed by the waves spawned by the magnitude 9.0 quake in the seabed off Sumatra's western coast.

A minute's silence will be held at midnight instead of the traditional raucous countdown in the final seconds of the year, and donations will be collected from the audience for Red Cross relief operations, the Esplanade-Theaters on the Bay said.

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## Fireworks warning

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — NATO-led peacekeepers warned Thursday against the use of any kind of fireworks during New Year's celebrations near their military bases and public areas in the province.

The caution came as year-end festivities drew near and the noise of firecrackers filled the streets of Kosovo's capital, Pristina.

"We want people to celebrate in the way that they are accustomed to; however, for military forces, [fireworks] can sound like gunfire," said Tech. Sgt. Dean Miller, a spokesman for the peacekeepers in the province.

Miller said peacekeepers have asked people who live near their camps and those celebrating in public areas not to use the fireworks "as a matter of safety concern."

The NATO-led soldiers have been deployed in Kosovo since mid-1999, when an alliance air war ended.

# Police hunt for suspects in Riyadh attack

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI

The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi police hunted for suspects Thursday after insurgents detonated two security headquarters in Riyadh, setting off violence that left 10 attackers and one bystander dead in what appeared to be the latest blow by al-Qaida-linked militants against the Saudi royal family.

Saudi TV reported that police sealed off streets near the site of the explosions and sent helicopters to search for the suspects in Wednesday's apparently coordinated strikes on the kingdom's security apparatus.

An Interior Ministry statement blamed a "deviant group" al-Qaida, government's term for al-Qaida

## Saudi security forces targeted

— for the attacks, which began at about 8:35 p.m. in central Riyadh near the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of Saudi security forces.

A police official said two militants detonated a car bomb by remote control in a traffic tunnel near the ministry. But Al Riyadh, a state-controlled newspaper, said the attack was a suicide bombing, quoting a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki.

Saudi TV said a bystander, a limousine driver, was killed. The ministry reported no deaths but said five security agents and a few reporters were injured, none seriously.

A half hour after the first blast and five miles away, a second explosion went off at a center for recruiting security troops.

Police said two suicide bombers tried to storm the center but blew up their car prematurely after police fired on them.

The Interior Ministry said 12 security officers and an unspecified number of bystanders were slightly injured.

Three attackers were killed at the sites of the blasts, according to media reports, and the ministry said seven others were killed after a chase to the north of the capital.

Al Riyadh said more than 90 people were injured in the at-

tacks, mostly security forces and bystanders.

"This is a heinous and disturbing crime," Prince Ahmed bin Abdel Aziz, the deputy interior minister, told Saudi TV. He said the attackers were all Saudis and described them as "terrorists [who] took a great risk because they know that their end is imminent."

The bombings came late in the evening, when few people would have been in the building. By attacking at night and focusing on targets associated with Saudi security forces, the militants appeared to be trying to avoid criticism they do not value Arab and Muslim lives. That would mark a shift from previous attacks, which seemed designed to maximize casualties, often Arab and Muslim.

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| (AFN-FAMILY)   | (AFN-MOVIE)   | (AFN-EMERGE) | (AFN-ARMED) | (AFN-NEWS) | (AFN-SPORTS)                                    | (AFN-ENTERTAINMENT) | (AFN-PACIFIC) |
|--|---|--------------|-------------|------------|---|---------------------|---------------|
| 9:00 Barbie of Swan Lake An evil wizard casts a spell on a girl. Animated. | Movie "Full Circle" (1996) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. A successful young woman struggles to trust and love again. | Dr. Phil     | Jeopardy!   | Nightline  | College Basketball Gonzaga at Missouri. (Taped) | 30 Minute Meals     | Jeopardy!     |
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|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|------------------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| 00:00 Aaahh! Real Monsters       | Dude, Where's My Car?  | (11:30) Late Show  | All Grown Up    | Headline News          | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | All Grown Up       |
| 01:00 RocketHub                  | (3:30) Movie "Donnie Brasco" (1997) Al Pacino, John Cazale. A mob lawyer knowingly takes a FBI agent under his wing. | Access Hollywood   | Powerpuff Girls | NBC Nightly News       | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | Dave the Barbarian |
| 02:00 SpongeBob SquarePants      | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | 4 Gigs   | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 03:00 Rugrats                    | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Denver Nuggets. (The Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo.) | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 04:00 All Grown Up               | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 05:00 Dave the Barbarian         | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 06:00 Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius  | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 07:00 Drake & Josh "The Be"      | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 08:00 That's So Raven            | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 09:00 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 10:00 Sesame Street (E)          | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 11:00 Barney & Friends (E)       | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
| 12:00 Blue's Clues (M)           | Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.           | ESPNs  | NFL Live        | ABC World News Tonight | College Football: Liberty Bowl - Boise St. vs. Louisville | Late Night | NFL Live           |
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2005

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|-------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| 00:00 | Movie *** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001, Warner Bros.) J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure.                     | 11:00  | Movie *** "Crossroads" (1986) Ralph Macchio. (25%) Movie *** "Speed" (1994) Keanu Reeves. A couple is wired to explode if they don't get married by 5:00. | 10:30  | College Football Bowl Recap - Michigan vs. Texas from Pasadena, Calif. (Live) | 10:30  | College Football Bowl Recap - Michigan vs. Texas from Pasadena, Calif. (Live) | College Football SBC Cotton Bowl - Tennessee vs. Texas from Dallas, Tex. (Live) | Mad TV                     | 10:30  | College Football Bowl Recap - Michigan vs. Texas from Pasadena, Calif. (Live) |
| 1:00  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                            |  |   |
| 2:00  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                            |  |   |
| 2:30  | Movie *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. | Movie *** "Planet of the Apes" (2001) Mark Wahlberg. In 100,000 years, apes have ruled the Earth.                    | College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Pittsburgh vs. Utah from Tempe, Ariz. (Live)  | College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Pittsburgh vs. Utah from Tempe, Ariz. (Live) | Headline News   | The Washington Week in Review                | Headline News   | ESPNs   | Tru Calling "Haunted"      | Headline News  |   |
| 3:00  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                            |  |   |
| 3:30  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                            |  |   |
| 4:00  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                            |  |   |
| 4:30  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                            |  |   |
| 5:00  | Seasame Street (E)  | (15) Movie *** "The Last Station" (2001) Daniel Craig, Schermer, Adam Jones, Adam Scott.                             | College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Pittsburgh vs. Utah from Tempe, Ariz. (Live)  | College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Pittsburgh vs. Utah from Tempe, Ariz. (Live) | Headline News   | Big Story Weekend Edition                    | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped)                                  | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas" | College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Pittsburgh vs. Utah from Tempe, Ariz. (Live) |   |
| 6:00  | Barney & Friends (E)  |  | Celebration of Victory  | Gilligan's Island  | Big Story Weekend Edition   | CNN Saturday Night                           | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       | Brattinghouse/Boys Caribbean Workout   |   |
| 6:30  | Blue's Clues  |  | Coral Ridge Hour  | The Simpsons   | CNN Saturday Night  | ESPNs  | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped)                                  | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 7:00  | Sylvester & Tweety  | Movie *** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.                  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 7:30  | The Magic School Bus (E)  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
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| 9:00  | House of Mouse  | Movie *** "The Princess Bride" (1987) Adam West, Carol Kane. A tabloid editor piles a story to him from a mail pile. | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 9:30  | Ed, Edd & Eddy  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 10:00 | Flim Flam (E)   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 11:00 | Cartoon Network   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 11:30 | Animani's Funniest Animals  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 12:00 | NBA Inside Story  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 12:30 | Happy Days "Hunted"   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 13:00 | Movie *** "A Santa's Life" (1994) Fantasy Dan. Alan Grant, Vivica A. Fox.   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 14:00 | Movie *** "The Garbage-Picking Field Goal Kickin' Philadelphia Phenomenon"  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
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| 16:00 | AAAH! Real Monsters   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 16:30 | Rocket Power  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 17:00 | The Fairly OddParents   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 17:30 | Sugars  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 18:00 | Kraft Bros. Be the Creature Chameleons.   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 18:30 | America's Funniest Home Videos  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 19:00 |   |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 20:00 | Gilmore Girls "Tick, Tick, Tick"  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 20:30 | American Dreams "Shout the Moon"  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 21:00 | The Cosby Show  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 22:00 | Home Improvement  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |
| 23:00 | Touched by an Angel "Joy to the World"  |  | Arts & Letters  | Arts & Letters   | ESPNs   | College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada. (Taped) | ESPNs   | Friends "The One in Vegas"  | Seinfeld "The Pilot"       |  |   |

# FACES

## Judge: Bobbitt not to blame for fight

John Wayne Bobbitt has been acquitted of charges that he battered family members after the discovery of a sex toy in his bedroom.

In finding Bobbitt innocent of domestic violence, a Las Vegas judge ruled Monday that Bobbitt's 14-year-old stepson was to blame for the August fight.

Bobbitt gained fame in 1993 when his first wife, Lorena, sexually mutilated him. Monday's trial focused on a scuffle involving Bobbitt's stepson and the boy's mother, Joanna Ferrell, who is Bobbitt's wife of three years. Bobbitt, 37, had faced four misdemeanor battery counts.

Witnesses testified the teen became enraged after finding the sex toy. He began throwing things around the living room until Bobbitt confronted him.

After the acquittal, Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem Gary Lark reprimanded Bobbitt for failing to attend court-ordered anger management classes after a 2003 domestic violence conviction, and said Bobbitt would suffer serious repercussions if he failed to show up for his remaining 23 weeks of classes.

## 'Battleship Potemkin' gets new airing

A newly reconstructed version of the 1925 Soviet silent classic "Battleship Potemkin" featuring shots cut from the original, will premiere at the Berlin Film Festival in February.

"Battleship Potemkin," directed by Sergei Eisenstein, dramatizes the mutiny on the Russian ship and its role in inspiring a failed 1905 uprising against the country's czars. It is perhaps best known for the "Odessa steps" sequence, in which a child in a stroller rolls down a staircase as fighting rages around it.

The movie — with live musical accompaniment from the German Film Orchestra Babelsberg — will be shown Feb. 12 and Feb. 13. The festival runs Feb. 10-20.

## Boxing referee Lane honored

Former judge, boxing referee and TV personality Mills Lane was honored near the site of a Reno, Nev., justice center that will be named for him.

Lane, 67, who suffered a stroke nearly three years ago, took part in the ceremonies, but did not speak. His son, Terry, said it was just his father's second public appearance since the stroke.

The ceremony took place in the existing court building next to the site of the future Mills B. Lane Justice Center. Lane formerly served as Washoe County district attorney and circuit court judge.

He officiated 102 championship fights, including the 1997 heavyweight match in which Mike Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear. Lane also was a TV judge from 1998-2001.

## Contestants to begin 'quest for Ken'

If winning more than \$2.5 million wasn't enough, "Jeopardy!" winner Ken Jennings will have a shot at winning an additional \$2 million — but the competition will be tougher this time around.

A "Super Tournament" will pit Jennings in a final match against two survivors of a competition among nearly 150 past five-time winners, producers of the game show announced Tuesday.

Host Alex Trebek called the tournament the "quest for Ken."

"Ever since Ken started his amazing run, people have been speculating on how some of the past 'Jeopardy!' players would do against him," Trebek said in a statement. "We're answering that question."

Jennings earned \$2,520,700 after a 74-game winning streak.

## Exploring the body with 'Sesame Street'

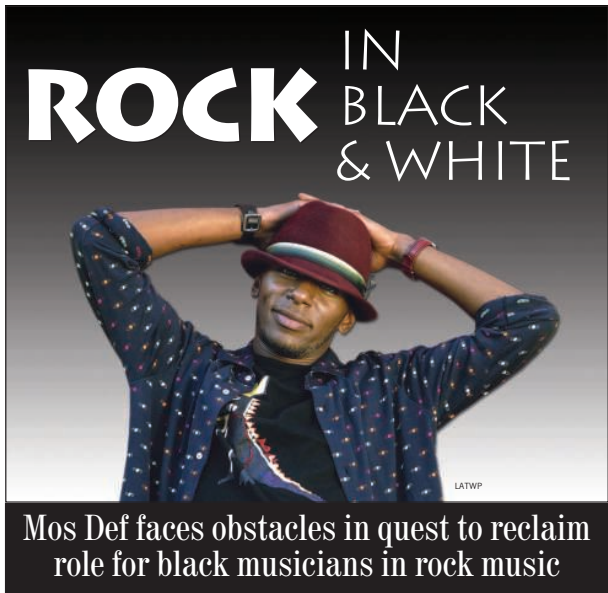
"Sesame Street" characters have gone around the globe and into space, and soon they'll be exploring the human body.

The exhibit will explore the scientific investigation and developmental- and curriculum-based learning goals for children ages 2 to 8.

Sesame Workshop, a nonprofit educational organization, is creating a series of museum learning experiences and "Sesame Street Presents: The Body" is first up. It will premiere at the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix in May and run through November.

The exhibit will explore the scientific investigation and developmental- and curriculum-based learning goals for children ages 2 to 8.

Stories and photos from wire services



## Mos Def faces obstacles in quest to reclaim role for black musicians in rock music

BY RICHARD CROMELIN  
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Rock 'n' roll and rap, the dominant pop music styles of the past half-century, both originated in black music, but when it comes to mixing the two, there's been good times (Run-DMC and Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," Danger Mouse's "The Grey Album") and there's been bad times (Limp Bizkit and its luncheoned progeny).

That last one was bad enough to make one promising rapper all but torpedo his career momentum in order to clear the tainted air.

"I don't like insincerity in music and I hate it when people pose," says Mos Def, 30. "I was really, really frustrated when I would see these bands that were derivative of what hip-hop was. They would take like a rock riff and sprinkle some hip-hop on it and oh, it was this amazing thing. ... That [stuff] has been done before and it's been done better. I just got tired of it."

Mos Def's first two major records, the collaborative "Mos Def & Talib Kweli Are Black Star" in 1998 and his 1999 debut solo album, "Black on Both Sides," established the Brooklyn native as a beacon of hip-hop's progressive wing.

But it's taken five years for the recently released follow-up, "The New Danger," to appear, largely because of his Ahab-like quest to reclaim rock for black musicians.

"I think there is a social and racial dynamic that comes into play," he says. "Limp Bizkit and those bands were like these mannequins, these caricatures of what we started, and the people who were really doing it are not being recognized at all. It's the classic story."

"So I just did it myself. I worked on it as my little experiment."

He called his project Black Star Johnson, named for the controversial boxing champion whose travels a century ago have made him a symbol of racial persecution. Mos Def's "Black on Both Sides" was dominated by a jazzy, R&B-flavored brand of hip-hop, but the next one would rock those pretenders back into obscurity and exalt the legacy of such African American rock bands as Fishbone.

Gathering a powerful hard-rock band made up of guitarist Dr. Know from Bad Brains, Parliament Funkadelic keyboardist Bernie Worrell and two members of Living Colour, bassist Doug Wimbish and drummer Will Calhoun, he began recording.

Word of this intriguing project got around, spurred by a

few live appearances, but the record never came. After three years, Mos Def says, executives at his label, the now-defunct MCA Records, said they didn't want rock. They wanted a Mos Def record.

"What was an insult to me was [the idea that] Black Jack Johnson is not Mos Def," says the rapper. "Why is it so unusual to do this? Chuck Berry. Remember him? Little Richard? Bo Diddley? ... It's not a big deal, but I would get treated like I was entering some other realm or some altered destiny."

"It was honest; it was what I wanted to hear."

Sitting at a poolside table at the Chateau Marmont during a recent visit to Los Angeles, Mos Def — born Dante Smith — doesn't seem like a crusading firebrand. His manner is more that of a scholar and teacher. He speaks with a soft, caressing voice and avoids eye contact, gazing into the distance or glancing downward during an early afternoon interview.

His early promise and his position as a respected, guru-like pundit in the hip-hop community raised expectations high for "The New Danger," whose final version intersperses some of the Black Jack Johnson rock material with an array of R&B-flavored hip-hop tracks.

But sales have been modest (252,000 since its release in October), and the reviews have been mixed. Even many of the admiring commentaries have noted the album's unevenness and sprawl.

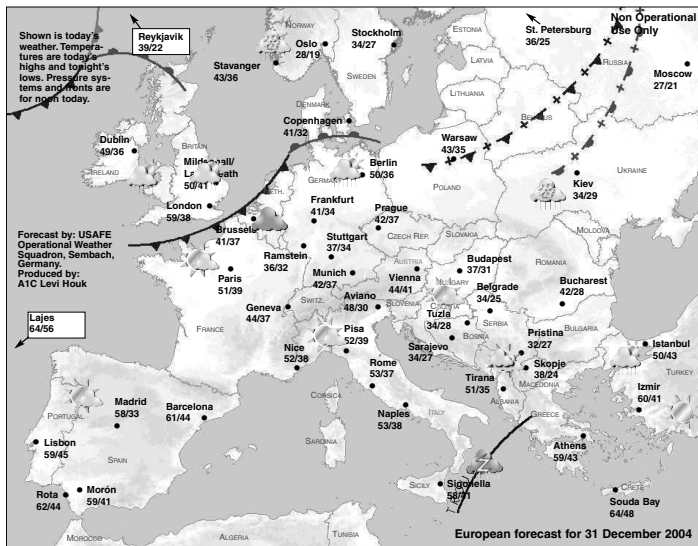
Meantime, hip-hop had a grip on him from the day he heard Run-DMC's "It's Like That" booming from the doorway of a Bronx social club. Two decades later, the magic and meaning of that culture continue to enthrall him.

"People treat hip-hop like an isolated phenomenon," he says.

"They don't treat it as a continuum, a history or a legacy. And it really is. And like all mediums or movements, it came out of a need. Like the Beat era came out of a need and a response to a social climate, a political climate, a personal climate. That's all that any art really is, and it's no accident when these things get airborne and expand. Because they're timely, and they're speaking to what's really going on ..."

"It's not the bad artists that's the problem, because they're not gonna be around for very long. The tragedy is with good artists who don't believe in themselves and become disillusioned and disenchanted. That's the real tragedy, when a guy starts with something that he really believes in, and then stops believing in his own taste or his own gut, that's really sad."





## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the low 40s. Saturday lows in the mid to upper 30s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the low to mid 50s. Saturday lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy with fog. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday lows in the mid 20s.

**France:** Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the low to mid 50s. Saturday lows in the upper 30s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid 30s to upper 40s. Saturday lows in the mid 30s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Saturday lows in the mid 30s.

**Hungary:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Saturday lows in the lower 30s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s. Saturday lows in the 30s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms along the southern coast. Highs in the upper 30s. Saturday lows in the mid to upper 30s.

**Kosovo:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Saturday lows in the upper 20s.

**Norway:** Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s along the coastal regions. Saturday lows in the upper teens to mid 30s along the coast.

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Saturday lows in the mid 30s.

**Turkey:** Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Saturday lows in the mid 30s to upper 40s.

## AFRICA

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| Buenos Aires | 68/63 | Rio de Janeiro | 88/73 |
| Caracas      | 89/72 | Sao Paulo      | 82/68 |
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## TODAY'S STATE/STATE OUTLOOK

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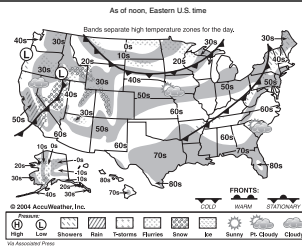
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## SUN &amp; MOON

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| Sunset (Baghdad)    | 5:06PM | 5:07PM   |
| Sunset (Frankfurt)  | 4:33PM | 4:34PM   |

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## THE UNITED STATES OUTLOOK



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## Airborne birth

**AK** KETCHIKAN — The term "airborne" took on a new meaning when a woman gave birth high above Southeast Alaska on a floatplane that was evacuating her after her labor began earlier than expected.

The baby girl was delivered safely to Jennifer Chinuhk aboard a Pacific Airways floatplane. Isabelle Chinuhk weighed in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19½ inches long.

Jennifer and husband Jamie Chinuhk had not expected the birth of Isabelle until mid-January, but when Jennifer's labor began on Sunday, a medical evacuation was arranged and she was brought to the Metlakatla dock by ambulance.

Two doctors were on the flight, but Jamie Chinuhk had to stay behind because there was not enough room on the plane.

## Dentist pleads guilty

**FL** BOCA RATON — A dentist pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in the death of his 3-year-old son, accidentally left in a parked vehicle in July.

Dennis Sierra, 43, entered the plea to avoid the anguish of a trial, his attorney said.

The judge sentenced Sierra to 10 years of probation and 500 hours of community service.

Sierra took his son Andres to work with him July 15 at his practice west of Boca Raton. He parked and went inside, forgetting that his son was in a car seat in the back, according to sheriff's officials.

## Youthful diets

**NH** ROCHESTER — Now that the junk food is gone, officials will be monitoring middle school pupils' middles to see if they shed any extra pounds.

The Health and Nutrition Task Force formed last March to tackle obesity in schools will determine whether healthier snacks make a difference in reducing obesity, said its founder, Walter Hoerman, a pediatrician.

A student's aerobic capacity, body composition and muscle strength, endurance and flexibility will be measured in fitness grams. Activities such as running times, pull-ups, shoulder stretches and curl-ups are all part of the tests.

Students are compared not to each other, but to health fitness standards, established for each age and gender, according to the Cooper Institute, which developed the fitness gram.

## Air passengers take bus

**IA** DES MOINES — Welcome and thank you for using Des Moines International Airport! Please have your boarding pass and ID ready as you approach the bus. A combination of two canceled flights and holiday travel snags forced United Airlines to bus passengers about 330 miles to Chicago to catch connecting flights.

Passengers said they were told the next United flight from Des Moines to Chicago with any extra room would be Thursday or Friday, so United chartered two buses



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Monday and another Tuesday to send passengers on their way.

A United spokesman attributed the travel problems to snowstorms that socked the Northeast over the weekend and left the airline short-staffed across the country.

## School district grows

**ID** MERIDIAN — Idaho's fastest-growing school district intends to ask taxpayers for \$80 million in bonding next year to cover growth in western Ada County. The district had planned for 400 new students to arrive in September, but 1,400 showed up.

Another 175 arrived between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds would be used to build a new high school, a new middle school and up to four elementary schools.

## Smuggling 'Santa'

**OH** CLEVELAND — The packages were labeled as toys for good girls and boys and the business was called Santa's Helpers. But authorities say the packages were nothing more than a naughty ruse to cover a large-scale drug smuggling operation.

The bogus business tried to smuggle \$7.8 million worth of cocaine from Los Angeles to nearby Willoughby, authorities said.

Drug agents seized about 175



## Colorful sky

A clear, winter sky is draped by jet trails and the glow of the sun as it falls behind an S&S Feed Mills in Shawnee, Okla.

pounds of cocaine in the largest seizure in Cleveland this year.

Four 55-gallon steel drums used as shipping containers raised suspicions. Billing information said the barrels contained toys, novelties and games.

Federal prosecutors charged Edward Boynton, 35, of Inglewood, Calif., with intent to possess cocaine. Boynton appeared in U.S. District Court.

## Senator back in prison

**NY** NEW YORK — Former state Sen. Guy Velella returned to Riker's Island prison. A state judge refused to issue an interim stay that would keep Velella free while the state's highest court decides whether to hear his appeal. The former Bronx lawmaker stepped down earlier this year, a week before he pleaded guilty to a charge in connection with an influence-peddling scheme.

## Rating child care centers

**AZ** PHOENIX — A state board is developing a rating system for licensed child care centers to help parents determine the quality of the 2,000 centers in the state. The Arizona School Readiness Board would use criteria like teachers' education level, student-to-teacher ratios and curriculum. The governor has said a rating system should include financial incentives for centers.

## Fighting invasive plants

**WV** HARPERS FERRY — Officials at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park are trying to rid the park of some unwanted guests: invasive plants that could crowd out native growth.

One of these invasive plants, known as Tree-of-Heaven, robs moisture from the soil and its canopy blocks out sun to other plants, according to park Superintendent Donald Campbell.

Campbell and other park employees are concerned about how the tree is affecting native trees such as dogwoods, oaks and maples.

The park, which is located at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, stretches across parts of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland.

So far, no native species have been lost, even though many of the invasive species have been there since the land became part of the National Park System in 1944, according to Campbell. He believes the native species can be saved if park officials act immediately to save them.

## Must disclose names

**OH** COLUMBUS — A pro-business group that spent \$4 million on a TV campaign to unseat a justice must disclose donors' names, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled. The court dismissed the group's appeal, saying it did not involve any substantial constitutional question. The Ohio Elections Commission ordered the group in 2002 to list donors. It said the ads against Justice Alice Robie Resnick went beyond what "issue advocacy" groups are allowed to do.



## Unusual pet

Melissa Packard walks with her daughter, Charlotte, 5, as Goldie, an orphaned buck, gives chase in Hill Country Village, a suburb of San Antonio. Packard said the buck was left by its mom, who did not return for several days. The family took in the deer, feeding and caring for it.



## Playing in the park

Greg and Annie Moore of Kearney, Neb., play some basketball at Pioneer Park. The couple brought their children and the dog to the park on a sunny afternoon.



## Practice makes perfect

From left, Becky Christian, 11, and Sarah Rordan 12, practice figure skating on the frozen lagoon in Sacajawea Park in Livingston, Mont.



## Watch your head

Market Studios North co-owner Daniel Brown peers out of the studio's second-floor window to take a look at the numerous icicles that have formed along the building in Troy, Ohio.



## Fruitless effort

Nadine Correa, 8, top, stands on top of Amanda Benavides's shoulders and reaches with a borrowed fishing pole in an effort to retrieve a kite stuck on the top of a light pole in Corpus Christi, Texas.



## Sweet trap

A squirrel attempts to shake its head loose from the top of an ice cream treat in Daytona Beach, Fla.

## Shrimping extension

**GA** BRUNSWICK — Georgia's shrimping season has been extended indefinitely because of an abundant shrimp population. The season was to end at 5 a.m. New Year's Day before the state Department of Natural Resources extended it. Affected are commercial trawlers in Georgia territorial waters up to 3 miles offshore and recreational shrimpers using cast nets and beach seines.

## Feather fight

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A battle is brewing over the rights of whites who practice American Indian religion to use federally restricted eagle feathers in ceremonies.

Two federal statutes — the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act — limit the right to have the feathers to members of federally recognized tribes. The feathers are the most powerful objects in the culture's ceremonies, and tribal members must earn the right to handle them.

Many tribal members, backed up by the federal government, say feathers and other eagle parts should be reserved for American Indians as a way of preserving the culture.

The federal laws make an exception for enrolled tribal members who practice an American Indian religion, allowing such members to get a permit to possess eagle feathers and parts.

## She wants it all now

**MA** BOSTON — A 94-year-old woman who won a \$5.6 million dollar Megabucks lottery drawing in September wants to get the cash now instead of a 20-year annuity payout.

Louise Outing of Everett said she won't live to collect her full winnings, and she wants to be able to help her family and spend the money as she chooses.

On Tuesday, she asked Norfolk Superior Court Judge Barbara Dorch-Okara to order the state lottery commission to give her the full amount of her winnings, minus taxes.

But the lottery commission said Megabucks winners have never been paid lump-sum amounts. Executive Director Joseph Sullivan said only the multistate Mega Millions game offers a lump-sum option.

## Careful what you drink

**CA** SALINAS — About 30,000 customers of California Water Service Co. were urged to boil tap water before drinking or cooking after power outages caused the water system's pressure to drop. The company said it won't know whether water quality was affected until tests are completed Wednesday. Customers will be reimbursed for bottled water purchases.

## Driving doggie

**AK** SPRINGDALE — Michael Henson left the auto parts store when he arrived. For that, he can thank his dog.

Henson, whose truck had been

experiencing a sticking throttle, left his dog in the truck when he went into the O'Reilly Auto Parts store in Springdale on Sunday.

"He'd left the truck running — I guess to show the people at O'Reilly's — and the dog jumped over and knocked the truck into gear," police Sgt. Billy Turnbough said.

The truck raced into the building, stunning Henson and clerk Josh Hopper.

No one was hurt and no citations were issued, police said.

## High foreclosures rate

**PA** SUNBURY — Mortgage foreclosures in Northumberland County are approaching an all-time high, according to the Sheriff's Department. Maria Birster, the real estate officer, reports 191 sheriff's sales so far this year. She says that's up from 159 in 2003 and more than the 187 mortgage foreclosures recorded in 2002.

Birster says all the foreclosures have been on homes.

## Hand fishing test

**MO** COLUMBIA — Next summer, it will be legal to plunge into some Missouri rivers and grab catfish by hand — a type of fishing that is not for the faint of heart.

Known variously as noodling or hogging, handfishing has long been a misdemeanor punishable by fines, because state officials fear it depletes breeding-age catfish. It can also be dangerous: Noodlers hold their breath for long periods under water and sometimes come up with fistfuls of agitated snakes or snapping turtles instead of fish.

That does not discourage enthusiasts, who insist there is great sportsmanship in fishing with your bare hands.

So after years of urging by noodlers, and lapsed legislative support for easing up on handfishers, the Missouri Conservation Commission has approved an experimental handfishing season next summer. Forms of handfishing are already legal in 11 states, including neighboring Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois.

## Florida Hall of Fame

**FL** TALLAHASSEE — Marion Hammer, a former president of the National Rifle Association, was named to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame by Gov. Jeb Bush. Also named were Shirley Coletti, considered a leader in the development of community-based treatment of mental health, and Judith Kersey, who has spent 36 years as a scientist and advocate for women in science.

## Fighting school dropout

**MA** SPRINGFIELD — Mayor Charles Ryan appointed an 11-member youth commission to combat a rising high school dropout rate and a surge in violent crime. The panel is charged with improving academic and social opportunities for Springfield children. Springfield's dropout rate in 2003 was 8.5 percent, more than double the statewide rate of 3.3 percent.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press







## OPINION

## There's also power in how world responds

Chicago Tribune

A natural disaster on the staggering magnitude of the earthquake that struck beneath the Indian Ocean reminds us of our vulnerability, reminds us that the work of human beings, indeed our very existence, can be extinguished in an instant by the immense power of nature.

Humans build. Nature reclaims. It is a cycle as old as time: people enduring the crucibles of drought, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes, fire.

Now the world watches in utter astonishment and horror at the destruction wrought on Sunday by the most powerful earthquake in decades and the resultant tsunami that exploded on the shores of several nations.

What began off the Indonesian island of Sumatra was felt thousands of miles away as water engulphed villages, tourist beaches and fishing boats across South and Southeast Asia. More than 76,000 people were killed, a number that is destined to grow as thousands of missing people are accounted for. Millions were left homeless in a ring of destruction from Indonesia to Somalia.

Earth's power could barely be comprehended with water traveled at speeds of up to 500 mph — akin to an aircraft hurtling in the sky — with people killed even thousands of miles from the quake's epicenter.

It was as if an earthquake hit Los Angeles and killed New Yorkers.

"The speed with which it all happened seemed like a scene from the Bible, a natural phenomenon unlike anything I had experienced," wrote The Washington Post's Michael Dobbs, who was among those caught up in the catastrophe.

Now, just as naturally as the earth shook, the people of the Earth will come to the aid of those who have been stricken. We come to accept that as an expected response to disaster. But revel in that for just a moment. For all its economic, political and philosophical tensions, this is still a world that responds to great tragedy with great and instant compassion.

The United States immediately committed \$15 million to relief efforts, the European Union pledged \$4 million with, no doubt, more to come as disaster assessments are made. United Nations relief specialists called for helicopters, medical supplies, tents and portable sanitation facilities. The United States dispatched military aircraft to the effort.

There will, inevitably, be talk about why this vast region did not have a system to warn of such impending devastation. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service operates tsunami warning centers in Hawaii and Alaska. According to news reports, if the Indian Ocean had the type of system that was started in 1965 in the Pacific, thousands of lives might have



What's left of the main bus stand in Galle, Sri Lanka, is shown Tuesday. It was destroyed by massive waves caused by Sunday's magnitude 9.0 earthquake off Indonesia's coast.

been saved if alerts of the impending disaster had been received and coastal areas had been quickly evacuated. There were hours between the time the earthquake was recorded and the walls of water rolled into the coastal areas.

Tsunami is a powerful word, a word often used in metaphors for great and uncontrollable forces in politics, sports and

other venues.

On Sunday, the world saw just how great and uncontrollable a tsunami is, not as a metaphor but as an event of nature. And in the days and weeks ahead we'll see another force, one perhaps more easily controlled, but powerful nonetheless: That's the force of human compassion, human drive, human will to rebuild.

## New faces adopted old phrases in Campaign 2004

BY MARTIN SCHRAM

Scraps Howard

Looking back, 2004 was the sort of campaign year that could make you flip. Especially if you are a politician.

Take a close look at some key campaign slogans, arguments and policy fighting-word mantras — then compare them with their roots. You will find that the rationalizations disbed by America's politicians and the political influencers have come full circle. Which may be one reason why liberals and conservatives sometimes looked ridiculous as they frantically chased their own tails.

Just look at where the candidates, spinners and influence-seekers wound up in their sloganeering on major issues of Campaign 2004 — and compare it with where those same arguments actually began.

Consider the emotional arguments about "states' rights." In 2004, "states' rights" was the rallying cry sounded mainly by liberals who were pushing their favorite solution for legal same-sex marriages.

Their rationalization was that the question of whether to legally permit marriage of gay or lesbian couples is the sort of civil right that should be left to the 50 states to decide for themselves.

Conservatives who were opposed to legalizing any homosexual marriages argued that this was a matter of national values that must be governed by one national policy that defines a marriage as only a union of male and female couples.

But in the 1950s and 1960s, cries of "states' rights" were played on the flip side. It was the conservatives who made "states' rights" their mantra, as they argued that it should be up to each state to decide whether to permit segregation of the races in public accommodations and schools. It was the liberals and moderates who championed the argument that civil rights was an inherent right that had to be imposed upon all states.

Consider now the battles over deficit

spending. Liberals rallied round the argument that the federal budget deficits are soaring, driving the national debt to record heights. And the Democratic team of John Kerry and John Edwards made it a staple of their stump speeches to argue that it is unconscionable for the federal government to begeth this vast debt to our children and grandchildren to repay.

Conservatives made the case that these deficits are not to be feared, but are just a manageable byproduct of tax-cutting policies that are America's key to prosperity.

But listen now to what the original conscience of the conservatives, the late Sen. Barry Goldwater, used to say about the deficit spending brought about by Democratic-controlled Congresses, especially President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" programs, championed by liberals. "With all the excuses Congress still manages to come up with in support of big spending, the nation is headed for financial disaster," the Arizona Republican wrote in "Goldwater," his autobiography. "It's a damn disgrace. The Con-

gress has now put Americans about \$2.5 trillion in hock. That's more than \$10,000 for every man, woman and child."

Consider next the wallings of liberals who decried the way Christian evangelicalism-opens men such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell have injected themselves into American politics in pursuit of their conservative fundamentalist agenda, which includes the campaign to ban all abortions.

But then recall the crucial leadership roles played by clergymen such as Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew Young and, later, Jesse Jackson in forging the civil-rights movement that contributed so much to correcting wrong-headed laws that deprived so many Americans of their rights.

Consider the activist role of a number of Roman Catholic bishops in Campaign 2004, as they said they would not give communion to politicians who advocated policies the church opposed. There is evidence that their position may have had its desired effect.

President Bush received 46 percent of the Catholic vote in 2000 against the Protestant

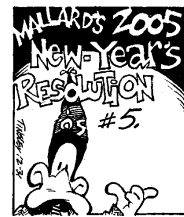
Democrat Al Gore. But Bush did 2 percent-age points better in 2004, winning 48 percent of the Catholic vote against his Catholic opponent, Kerry. The Massachusetts senator said that, as a Catholic, he personally opposed abortion, but would not allow his religious views to affect his enforcement of U.S. laws and court decisions.

That was the position that U.S. Catholics overwhelmingly cheered — when it was first enunciated, not by Kerry, but by John F. Kennedy, in that historic speech in Houston before Protestant clergy on Sept. 12, 1960. He vowed that he would make decisions on issues including birth control "without regard to outside religious pressure or dictate. And no power or threat of punishment could cause me to decide otherwise."

That forthright pledge helped a Catholic Democrat from Massachusetts become America's first Catholic president. And on the flip side, that pledge may have helped prevent a second Catholic Democrat from Massachusetts from becoming president.

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## Mallard Fillmore



## The POLSTERS:



BY BRUCE TINSLEY

# Horoscope

Though it's the last day of the year and therefore the last chance to celebrate 2004, the Virgo moon along with other planetary influences has us in an industrious mood. Squeezing as much production into the day as possible is a prerequisite for getting into the party mood tonight. The drinking is tempered, as health is a big New Year focus.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 31). You're basically hot this year.

Look forward to improved health and vitality. If becoming more fit is one of your New Year's resolutions, you will find it easy to keep through January. This spring, emotional issues regarding home and family are resolved, freeing you up to take full advantage of a period of intense creativity beginning in August.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** A war in your life pokes and prods at your psyche, inspiring you to re-think your plan for New Year's Eve. What? You still don't have a plan for the evening? At least resolve to take on an enthusiastic attitude.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're feeling energized and can blow through an entire day's worth of duties in half the time. Why not cut out of a boring situation and spend some time priming for your New Year's celebration? You're gorgeous in green.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your plucky wit doesn't make sense to everyone — just the most important people. You'll meet someone over food or drinks. Plant yourself by the snack table, and get chatting. By midnight, you've found someone to kiss.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The most romantic nights are in, not out. Forgo the parties — and drunk drivers — in favor of snuggling in front of the TV with your sweetie. Single? Host friends or family at your place.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Any socializing you do tonight is likely to have a strong work component. If

you're not actually going to a job-related event, you may meet someone in your field or exchange business cards with an interesting stranger.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** New Year's bash at your house? The cosmos is working in your favor — expect to pull it off without a hitch. The place is immaculate, the food divine. Just remember to stop running around long enough to have fun!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Go ahead and indulge your senses. A smorgasbord of gastronomic delights awaits you. You can start your diet tomorrow. Better yet, for your best chance at success, wait until after the new moon on Jan. 11.

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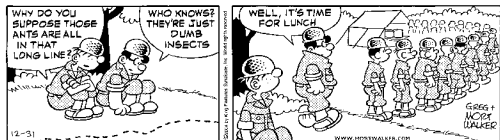
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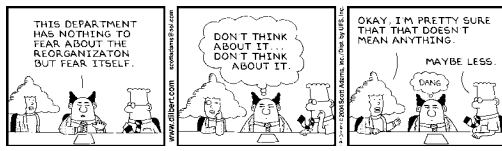
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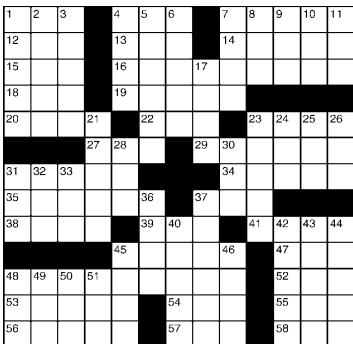
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Fall behind
- 4 "Encore!"
- 7 Foolish
- 12 The whole enchilada
- 13 Cleo's slayer
- 14 Wipe out
- 15 Slapstick missile
- 16 Intimate
- 18 "The \_\_\_ Daba Honeymoon"
- 19 Seraglio
- 20 Pizzazz
- 22 Fresh
- 23 Not naked
- 27 Young fellow
- 29 Deli order
- 31 "Forever \_\_\_"
- 34 "Fame" singer
- 35 Livelihood
- 37 Beast of burden
- 38 "Hee Haw" humor
- 39 Grier or Tillis
- 41 Physical
- 45 Odometer tally
- 47 "Less Than Perfect" star
- 48 Reason to say "Whee!"
- 52 Oklahoma city
- 53 Whoopi's "The Color Purple" role
- 54 Carnival venue
- 55 Feminine side
- 56 Medical device
- 57 Chart
- 58 Pigeon

## Down

- 1 Bolivian city
- 2 Out, of sorts?
- 3 Accumulate
- 4 Baroque composer
- 5 "Survivor" setting
- 6 Fern seed
- 7 Consider
- 8 Annoy
- 9 Zero-star review
- 10 Omega precursor
- 11 On the other hand
- 17 Wilds a needle
- 21 With 23-Down, Cruella's portrayer
- 23 See 21-Down
- 24 Legislation
- 25 Chances chum
- 26 Conk out
- 28 Circle segment
- 30 Six-pack, maybe
- 31 Jennings' employer
- 32 Cattle call
- 33 It sticks to you
- 36 Grand-scale tale
- 37 Aviatix's forename
- 40 Frighten
- 42 They provide inside information
- 43 Taxpayer's dread
- 44 Labor leader George
- 45 Bump into
- 46 Feed the hogs
- 48 IV meas.
- 49 Rent
- 50 Flammenco cheer
- 51 Sermon subject

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 12-31

## CRYPTOQUIP

F E M D V U Y N K O I D Q Z  
 E O V K G K O I Q M X I J D J M G  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DO YOU CALL FOUR UNLUCKY FELLOWS WHO HAPPEN UPON QUICKSAND? QUATTRO SINKO!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals P





# Horoscope

Happy New Year! Sagittarian influences have us looking into the future as if it is a land to be conquered, an adventure to be commanded, an impossibility to be made real. Industrious vibes prevail, so roll up your sleeves and get started before criticism and self-doubt have a chance to settle in. This isn't the time to ask how. Just figure it out.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(January 1).** You are the New Year's baby who brings optimism and a fresh start to all who dearly need it! You'll reap the rewards of your own generosity by late February. A pet project is embraced by the one who can take it to the next level. Personal satisfaction is so full, you'll want to share with more people. Libra and Pisces are wonderful partners.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Last night's misremembering could leave you with a tension hangover. You must quickly clear last year's bad-vibe pollution. Forgive others, forgive yourself, and quickly move forward.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

There are many interpretations for the information you're getting now — don't automatically assume the worst. You're not good enough just as you are, no matter what your third-grade teacher said. Be kind to that scared kid inside.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Emotions can create mental cacophony that gets in the way of communication, causing you to misinterpret what you hear. If you need an impartial translator, turn to a Taurus or Libra friend.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There is plenty of excitement surrounding you, but for once, you feel grounded and secure. Steadfast Saturn supports you in your efforts to achieve something momentous this year. Review your goals, and start planning now.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Celebrate the new year with your family. If geographical boundaries keep you

apart, pick up the phone and call. Yes, they may drive you crazy, but they know you better than anyone and will always support you with their love.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Instead of being your own worst critic, why not reverse that energy in the new year and become your own biggest fan? There is nothing you cannot achieve if you stay positive and hopeful.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Be aware of all that is beautiful and joyous in the world, and refuse to succumb to negativity. If your old methods of dealing with others are not working, find an open window through which love can enter your life.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

With each new year, you shed your old skin and rise up, polished and new. Change is second nature to you. Be aware, however, that some unfinished business has yet to be resolved before you can progress.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

"old acquaintances" is certainly not forgot — in fact, you'll probably be lunching with him or her today. Share your resolutions, and enlist help in keeping them. Your friend will steer you from potential pitfalls.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Maybe your action looks foolish to those who like to play it safe, but if you don't test the boundaries of what you're really capable of, you'll never know! The results will surprise you.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

If you're already in a committed relationship, this is a prime time to focus on your future together. Discuss goals, and review finances. If you're not committed, you could meet a kindred spirit while running a mundane errand.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Face it — your candle is burnt at both ends! Start the new year by getting plenty of rest. Keep your schedule fairly open and flexible. An unexpected opportunity comes in the form of a Gemini.

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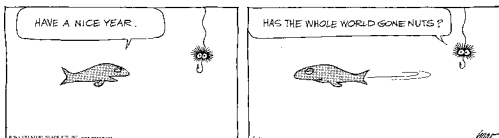
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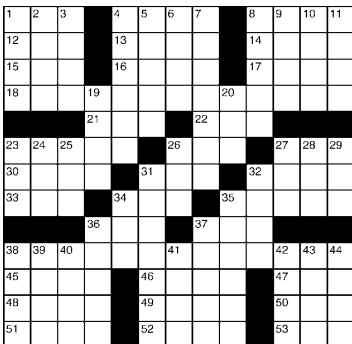
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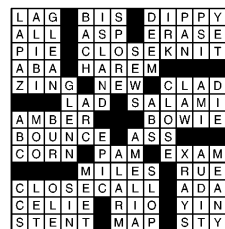
## Across

- 1 Support system?
- 4 Needing a retreat
- 8 Lose intentionally
- 12 Determine
- 13 Addict
- 14 Below
- 15 Expert
- 16 Latvia's capital
- 17 Con
- 18 Joy to the World" band
- 21 West of Hollywood
- 22 George Burns role
- 23 Sea World attraction
- 26 Prepare to drag
- 27 Possessive pronoun
- 30 Uncumbered
- 31 Massachusetts cape
- 32 Left
- 33 Wapiti
- 34 Michael Jackson album
- 35 Hardly graceful
- 36 Director's call
- 37 New York newspaper
- 38 Hit song of 1983
- 45 Stead
- 46 Palette selections
- 47 Whatever amount
- 48 Exam format
- 49 Ontario neighbor
- 50 Try the tea
- 51 Fringe benefit

## Down

- 2 Dennis Miller specialty
- 53 Fringe slip
- 25 Send out questionnaires
- 26 Scepter
- 27 Chop
- 28 Cartoonist's supply
- 29 Unkempt home
- 31 Ball player
- 32 Dresser
- 33 Desire
- 34 Bargain
- 35 Tailoring insert
- 36 Make leakproof
- 37 He played Bueller's teacher
- 38 Rubbish
- 39 Drain the energy from
- 40 Stern
- 41 Emanation
- 42 Tabula — abbr.
- 43 Computer operating system
- 44 Category

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## I-1 CRYPTOQUIP

Q F A X Q U Q U - L Q R W K  
A W U K O N Q U I Q H F A I W N  
P U Q H G A U K L W G W I O W G E

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## SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 35

## Hockey

## World Junior Championship

| Team           | GP | W | L | OT | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Russia         | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |
| USA            | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |
| Canada         | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |
| Czech Republic | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |
| Slovakia       | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |
| Switzerland    | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |
| Belarus        | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1  | 13 | 4  | 6   |

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## Tennis, Dec. 25

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Czech Republic 7, Belarus 2

Finland 4, Germany 1

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Sweden 4

Monday, Dec. 27

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Slovakia 2, Finland 0

Tuesday, Dec. 28

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Russia 7, Belarus 2

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Wednesday, Dec. 29

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Slovakia 2, Finland 0

Thursday, Dec. 30

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Friday, Jan. 1

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Slovakia 2, Finland 0

Saturday, Jan. 2

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Sunday, Jan. 3

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Monday, Jan. 4

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Tuesday, Jan. 5

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Wednesday, Jan. 6

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Thursday, Jan. 7

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Friday, Jan. 8

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Saturday, Jan. 9

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Sunday, Jan. 10

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

Switzerland 5, Belarus 0

Monday, Jan. 11

AT Grand Forks, Minn.  
Canada 3, Slovakia 2

AT River Falls, Minn.  
Sweden 6, Slovakia 0

## Wednesday's men's scores

Assumption 68, St. Thomas Aquinas 59

Bentley 68, Francis Marquette 5

Boston College 67, Kent State 65

Bryant 78, LIU Tech 39

Clark U. 65, McDaniel 39

Coughlin 64, Union 61

Mass.-Lowell 68, NYCTC 65

North Carolina 68, Wake Forest 68

Pittsburgh 72, South Carolina 68

Robert Morris 74, Duquesne 63

St. Mary's 63, Tennessee Tech 62

UMBC 66, Delaware 56

Virginia 58, Queens U. 57

West Virginia 78, Fitchburg 72

West Virginia 78, George Washington 65

William & Mary 64, Eastern 60

High Point 52, James Madison 63

Jacksonville 72, Nicholls 51

Johnson 62, Campbell 50

Lynchburg 97, Merchant Marine 79

Mississippi 61, Va. Commonwealth 62

Randolph-Macon 72, Dickinson 63

St. John 68, Collier 62

Seton Hall 71, Davidson 63

South Florida 81, Coastal Carolina 51

Transylvania 68, St. Norbert 50

University of Florida 40, Virginia 33

Vanderbilt 90, Dayton 74

Virginia Tech 68, Virginia 63

West Florida 72, Christian Brothers 65

West Georgia 102, Johnson C. Smith 84

Bellevue 76, Dakota Wesleyan 71

Benedictine 62, St. Michael's 66

Cardinal Stritch 68, Siena Heights 69

Central Michigan 71, Loyola 68

Clarkson 61, St. John's 80, Ohio 67

Delaware 61, Washburn 70

Edinboro 61, Albion 61

Johns Hopkins 68, Colgate 63

Marquette 68, Cleveland State 63

Minnesota 84, UNC-Greensboro 59

North Carolina 68, Transylvania 68

Ohio State 68, Miami 68

Portland Western 73, Washburn 70

St. Francis 62, St. Joseph 62

Nebraska-Omaha 67, Wayne, Neb. 59

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## Owensboro &amp; Casino Classic

First Round

Hartford 68, Rider 57

Wash.-Green Bay 72, Dakota 57

First Round

Gannon 92, LIU Tech 39

Clark U. 65, McDaniel 39

Coughlin 64, Union 61

Mass.-Lowell 68, NYCTC 65

North Carolina 68, Wake Forest 68

Pittsburgh 72, South Carolina 68

Robert Morris 74, Duquesne 63

St. Mary's 63, Tennessee Tech 62

UMBC 66, Delaware 56

Virginia 58, Queens U. 57

West Virginia 78, Fitchburg 72

West Virginia 78, George Washington 65

William & Mary 64, Eastern 60

High Point 52, James Madison 63

Jacksonville 72, Nicholls 51

Johnson 62, Campbell 50

Lynchburg 97, Merchant Marine 79

Mississippi 61, Va. Commonwealth 62

Randolph-Macon 72, Dickinson 63

St. John 68, Collier 62

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## Cincinnati Reds

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Hartford 68, Rider 57

Wash.-Green Bay 72, Dakota 57

First Round

Gannon 92, LIU Tech 39

Clark U. 65, McDaniel 39

Coughlin 64, Union 61

Mass.-Lowell 68, NYCTC 65

North Carolina 68, Wake Forest 68

Pittsburgh 72, South Carolina 68

Robert Morris 74, Duquesne 63

St. Mary's 63, Tennessee Tech 62

UMBC 66, Delaware 56

Virginia 58, Queens U. 57

West Virginia 78, Fitchburg 72

West Virginia 78, George Washington 65

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Johnson 62, Campbell 50

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Mississippi 61, Va. Commonwealth 62

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Vanderbilt 90, Dayton 74

Virginia Tech 68, Virginia 63



# Amid turbulence, Ohio State blows out Oklahoma State

BY T.A. BADGER  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Justin Zwick hardly looked like a quarterback who had been on the bench for more than two months.

Zwick replaced suspended starter Troy Smith and threw for 189 yards and a touchdown in his first action for Ohio State since Oct. 16, and Ted Ginn Jr. and Lydell Ross each scored Wednesday night as the 24th-ranked Buckeyes defeated Oklahoma State 33-7 to win the Alamo Bowl.

"Justin did an excellent job and did what was asked of him," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "I told someone that Justin was playing as best as he's ever played."

Zwick, who lost the starting job to fellow sophomore Smith after the sixth game of the season, completed 17 of 27 passes despite a mild hamstring pull.

The Buckeyes went 3-3 under Zwick before he injured a shoulder in a loss to Iowa. Smith stepped in and led Ohio State (8-4) to victories in four of its last five regular-season games.

But Smith was suspended for the Alamo Bowl by the team last week after university officials said he accepted an unspecified gift from a team booster — a violation of NCAA rules.

Tressel declined to talk about what's next for the football program, which has been marred this season by a series of arrests and allegations by former star

player Maurice Clarett that players routinely took cash gifts from boosters.

"I'm happy for the team and excited for the future," Tressel said.

Ginn, a freshman with dazzling speed, caught six passes for 78 yards and rushed for 40 yards and a touchdown. Ross rushed for 99 yards on 12 carries, and Mike Nugent kicked four field goals to become Ohio State's career scoring leader.

Ohio State took advantage of two early turnovers, then stifled the Cowboys (7-5).

Oklahoma State quarterback Donovan Woods completed 15 of 34 passes for 137 yards and rushed for 80 yards. Vernand Morency, who entered the game eighth in Division I-A rushing with 1,474 yards, was limited to 24 yards on eight carries.

On the first series, Woods underthrew receiver Chijuan Mack and the pass was picked off by linebacker Bobby Carpenter. Three plays later, Zwick hit a diving Anthony Gonzalez with a 23-yard touchdown pass.

After a 37-yard field goal by Nugent, the Cowboys were driving when Woods lost his grip on the ball near midfield while trying to run up the middle. Defensive lineman Joel Panton recovered and Nugent capped the drive with a 35-yard field goal to give Ohio State a 13-0 lead with nearly six minutes to go in the first quarter.

"We could not move the football or protect our passer effectively," Cowboys coach Les Miles said. "It was difficult for [Woods] to throw."



**Ohio State freshman Ted Ginn had 78 yards receiving, 40 yards rushing and one touchdown to lead Ohio State's 33-7 victory on Wednesday night.**

In the second, with the Buckeyes at midfield, Zwick threw a screen pass to Ginn on the left side and the Cowboys cornered him for what looked like a modest gain.

But Ginn eluded three defenders and broke back to the right sideline for a 42-yard pickup to Oklahoma State's 9. Ross capped the 78-yard drive by scoring from the 1 and making it 20-0.

"I try to make something out of nothing if I get trapped," Ginn said. "You've always got to keep your feet moving. You're always moving forward — that's what we've been taught."

When Nugent made the extra point following Ross' touchdown, he passed Pete Johnson as the Buckeyes' career scoring leader with 356 points.

# Klatt rallies Buffs

BY JOEL ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Joel Klatt threw for 333 yards and two touchdowns and Mason Crosby kicked four field goals, leading Colorado to a 33-28 victory over Texas-El Paso in the Houston Bowl on Wednesday.

Klatt keyed a fourth-quarter comeback by the plodding Buffaloes (8-5), who tried to keep pace with UTEP, which is ranked eighth in the nation in scoring offense. Colorado led 3-0 midway through the first quarter and trailed until seizing the lead late in the game.

Facing fourth and 3 at its own 35, Colorado used a bit of trickery. Punter John Torp raked 22 yards around the left end on a fake punt for the first down. Two plays later, Klatt threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Evan Judge for the go-ahead score with 8:43 left.

Klatt was flattened by UTEP defensive end Ibok Ibok as he released the ball and didn't realize what happened until teammates helped him off the turf.

"I couldn't tell you what happened," Klatt said. "The linemen told me [about the score] when they picked me up."

Klatt completed 24 of 33 passes, five to Joel Klopstein for 134 yards. Bobby Purify rushed 80 yards on 22 carries.

Colorado's first bowl victory since the 1999 Insight.com Bowl capped an improbable turnaround for the Buffaloes, who went through an off-season of scandal and turmoil.

Gary Barnett's program was the target of sexual assault claims dating to 1997, followed by an investigation that discovered sex, alcohol and drugs were used as recruiting tools, although there was no evidence that university officials sanctioned it. Then, Barnett was put on three months of administrative leave for making insensitive remarks about two accusers, including a former kicker who said she was raped by a teammate in 2000.

Jordan Palmer, the younger brother of former Heisman winner Carson Palmer of Southern Cal, completed his first eight passes for 120 yards as UTEP (8-4) raced out to an early 14-3 lead.

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# Conquest: Sox go from doldrums to delirium

## CONQUEST, FROM BACK PAGE

"I just want to get some kids up here!" activities coordinator Lisa Scherber shouted as the patients, too young to understand, watched their parents pose for pictures with the prize. "We've got a lot of adults."

The World Series trophy has been a much-welcomed and well-traveled guest this offseason. And how it got to be that way is the sports story of the year, according to a vote by the newspaper and broadcast members of The Associated Press.

Boston's first World Series title since 1918 and the unprecedented comeback against the Yankees that made it possible was a runaway winner with 108 first-place votes and 1,325 points.

Lance Armstrong's sixth straight Tour de France title (seven first-place votes, 785 points) finished second and the Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons brawl was third (six first-place votes, 662 points).

The New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory and 21-game winning streak was next (zero first-place votes, 498 points), followed by sports' steroid stories (eight first-place votes, 495 points).

Merely winning the Series after an 86-year drought probably would have been enough to make the Red Sox the year's top story.



The New York Yankees won the offseason bidding war for superstar shortstop Alex Rodriguez, above, who was the focal point of a midseason brawl at Fenway Park. But the Red Sox ultimately prevailed by eliminating the Yankees in a historic comeback in the AL championship series.

But the way they did it was one for the ages.

After falling five outs short of the World Series last year and firing their manager because of it, the Red Sox acquired Curt Schilling, the top starting pitcher on the market, and Keith Foulke, the top reliever.

Their pursuit of Alex Rodriguez — a deal that would have involved unloading Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez — ended late in 2003. But before spring training got started the reigning AL MVP went to the hated Yankees — thanks in part to the groundwork the Red Sox had done.

It seemed like Boston would be New York's runner-up once again.

The Red Sox played 500 ball for most of the year, prompting general manager Theo Epstein to trade Garciaparra for shortstop Orlando Cabrera and spare parts Dave Roberts and Doug Mientkiewicz.

But the regular season was, as expected, merely the undercard for a Red Sox-Yankees playoff rematch; for the seventh consecutive year, Boston finished second to New York in the AL East.

The only indication that things might be different this year was that the Red Sox won 11 of 19 meetings between the teams during the regular season — Boston's first edge in the season series since 1999.

Boston swept Anaheim in the first round, with designated hitter David Ortiz — "Papi" — hitting a clinching homer in the 10th inning of Game 3. But the Red Sox just as quickly fell behind the Yankees 3-0 in the AL championship series.

No major league team had rallied from a 3-0 deficit to even tie a seven-game series, let alone win it. But the Red Sox, self-proclaimed "idiots," insisted they were too stupid to be intimidated by the gravity of their predicament.

Things got more dire when the Yankees took a 4-3 lead into the ninth inning of the fourth game, with star closer Mariano Rivera on the mound. But he walked Kevin Millar and Roberto Alomar, running, stole second before Bill Mueller singled to tie it.

Boston won in the 12th on Or-



Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek celebrates the team's first World Series championship since 1918 with pitcher Keith Foulke (29).

tiz's homer, then won Game 5 less than 24 hours later on his 14th-inning single. The series moved back to Yankee Stadium, where 2003 had ended so disastrously.

The Red Sox sent Schilling to the mound only after season-ending surgery was postponed in favor of a radical and unprecedented procedure to keep him in the rotation. After testing the technique on a cadaver, Dr. Bill Morgan stitched a loose tendon in Schilling's right ankle in place so

it wouldn't flop around when he pitched.

With blood soaking through his sock, Schilling beat the Yankees and forced a seventh game. But the only pitcher the Red Sox had left was Derek Lowe, who pitched so poorly in the regular season that he was bumped from the playoff rotation.

Lowe pitched six innings of one-hit ball. Ortiz homered and Johnny Damon hit a grand slam to help Boston open a 10-3 lead — too big even for the Red Sox to blow.

They were going to the World Series.

Their NL opponent was a familiar one: The St. Louis Cardinals had beaten Boston in the 1946 Series and again in '57, both times in seven games. Red Sox fans wondered whether the Series would be a letdown after the emotional victory over the Yankees, and they were right.

The Cardinals failed to put up a fight this time and the Red Sox would soon be celebrating a sweep in Busch Stadium. Millions turned out for the victory parade as it drove through Boston and into the Charles River on amphibious vehicles.

Those who couldn't see the trophy at the "rolling rally" might still get their chance. The Red Sox promise to bring it to every one of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts that asks.

If it makes it that long: Already, tides of the flags on the trophy have come loose and need to be fixed. But the Red Sox can't bring themselves to take it out of commission that long.

"Just about everywhere I go, people get very emotional. These people have been waiting a lot longer than I have," said Bill Mullaly, a 30-year-old Red Sox security guard who escorts the trophy many of its visits.

"It's had a huge impact on people. It's made them feel good."



Boston's improbable triumph this fall got plenty of attention outside the sports world.

# N.Y.-Boston rivalry serves up top quotes of 2004

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The Associated Press

"All empires fall sooner or later." — Red Sox President Larry Lucchino after Boston beat the New York Yankees in the AL championship series. Boston became the first major league team to overcome 3-0 deficit in the postseason, and went on to win its first World Series championship since 1918.

"I always make the front page." — Terrell Owens, asked if he was surprised his steamy segment with Nicolete Sheridan on the opening of "Monday Night Football" created such a stir.

"I haven't worked this hard since I was a young guy 25 years ago." — NHL referee Bill McCreary, who took a temporary job installing kitchen cabinets during the hockey lockout.

"I made a mistake. I was blinded by this opportunity. But I'd be doing them a disservice and myself a disservice. Right now I just can't bring it. I looked at myself and thought that I was a phony. I realized they weren't getting the guy they hired. I'm not fit enough for this job for my standards." — Rick Majerus, after backing out of the Southern California men's basketball job.

"In sports, we have a tendency to overuse terms like 'courage' and 'bravery' and 'heroes,' and then someone like Pat Tillman comes along and reminds us what those terms really mean." — Arizona Cardinals vice president Michael Bidwill on Pat Tillman, killed in Afghanistan after leaving the NFL to join the Army Rangers.

"Even for me, it seems very

strange." — Barry Sanders on Ricky Williams' decision to quit football at age 27. Sanders suddenly retired before the 1999 season while the NFL career rushing record was within range.

"I fell in love with the way they played, the way they walked, the way they talked, the way they took the field, the way they came off the field, the way they scored points. ... When coach Spurrier had this thing cranked up, everyone stopped what they were doing and watched Florida play." — New Florida coach Urban Meyer.

"I think some of the payrolls are on steroids." — Milwaukee General Manager Doug Mientkiewicz, whose Brewers ranked next-to-last in player salaries.

"It's a dud, just like the Cubs were."

— Police spokesman Pat Camden after a grenade was found by a worker at Wrigley Field. The grenade was harmless.

"I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up." — Red Sox coach Curt Schilling, a day before the Yankees pounded him in Game 1 of the ALCS.

"What can I say? Just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy. I can't find a way to beat them at this point." — Yankees pitcher Pedro Martinez after losing a late advantage near New York in the regular season.

"They're like a bag of prawns on a hot Sunday. They don't travel well." — Australia's Stuart Appleby on American golfers who had to fly overseas for tournaments.

# 2004: The year sports went to the extremes

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"Roger just played too good today," Andy Roddick said after losing to Federer in the Wimbledon final. "I threw the kitchen sink at him, but he went to the bathroom and got a tub."

Singh and Federer weren't huge shocks to rise to the top of their sports after their strong play in the past, but to win on the scale they did was extraordinary.

There was far less surprise in seeing Lance Armstrong pedal to a record sixth straight Tour de France. Michael Schumacher won a seventh Formula One title or Kurt Busch capture NASCAR's Nextel Cup in a new championship format.

Not, despite their advanced age, was there astonishment in seeing Roger Clemens win a record seventh Cy Young award or Barry Bonds join Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron in the 700-homer club while winning a record seventh MVP Award.

Clemens, retired from the Yankees, unretired in a hurry for his hometown Houston Astros, and had one of his finest seasons. Bonds shrugged off a federal grand jury appearance, a thousand questions about steroids and the arrest of his personal trainer in the BALCO case, and, at 40, had a career year by anyone's standards.

They, like Ichiro Suzuki, whose record 262 hits broke George Sisler's 84-year-old mark, gave the season a golden hue.

Michael Phelps imposed himself in such a way at the Athens Olympics, winning eight medals, six of them gold and none a surprise. If Phelps didn't quite match Mark Spitz's record haul of seven individual golds in 1972, he still ruled the pool as no other man since then.

Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj, the world's greatest middle-distance runner, elevated the Games by winning the 1,500 gold after failing twice before, then added the 5,000 — a double that hadn't been accomplished since Paavo Nurmi did it in 1924.

Argentina pulled the upset of the Games, winning the gold in men's basketball while a humiliated U.S. team, booed in Greece and lambasted at home, settled for bronze.

It was a year to take pleasure in the overachievement of little Saint Joseph's, No. 1 in the men's basketball poll, and to cheer for Smarty Jones, the Seabiscuit of our times. Smarty Jones won millions of fans in his bid for the Triple Crown, and they loved him still even when he came up a length short in the Belmont.

Witnessing Peyton Manning eclipse Dan Marino's season TD passing mark — 48 in 1984 — has been a wonder to watch, especially seeing him doing it with poise and class and none of the phony contrived plays that some players have displayed to grab attention.

"I thought 48 was something no one would touch or get close to," Marino said.

We needed all those good times to get us past the embarrassments, scandals and violence that permeated the sports landscape.

## Images of the year: The good, the bad and the ugly

Switzerland's Roger Federer, right, won three Grand Slam tennis events and Fiji's Vijay Singh, below, won 10 golf tournaments, including the PGA Championship.

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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, above, broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record for touchdown passes in a season. Manning has 49 entering the regular-season finale on Sunday.

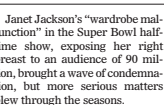
Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest, right, triggered a brawl in the stands at Detroit last month that was as frightening as anything seen in sports. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, below, is presiding over a lockout that is threatening to erase an entire season.

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While BALCO founder Victor Conte, above, fought off accusations of distributing steroids to elite athletes, Barry Bonds, right, joined the 700 home run club.



Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" in the Super Bowl half-time show, exposing her right breast to an audience of 90 million, brought a wave of condemnation, but more serious matters blew through the seasons.

After 15 years of denials, Pete Rose admitted to betting on baseball and his own Cincinnati Reds, but he remained banned from the

game and ineligible for the place that would otherwise surely be his in the Hall of Fame.

There were the allegations of rapes and sexual favors for football recruits at the University of Colorado, which made far more of a splash when they came out than when they were dismissed as unfounded.

There was the sexual assault

case against Kobe Bryant that was nightly news until the prosecution dropped the charges when his accuser said she did not want to participate in the trial. The 26-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star has said the sex was consensual, but the woman is pursuing damage in a civil case.

Meanwhile, nothing has slowed down Bryant on the court, not

even his feud and split with Shaquille O'Neal, the departure of coach Phil Jackson, and a Lakers lineup that is a shadow of what it once was.

Hockey wasn't even a shadow. The NHL was shut down, possibly for the 2004-05 season and beyond, when team owners locked out the players to press their demands for a salary cap.

The BALCO investigation, which began the summer before last, goes on still, with recent allegations by the company's founder that he was secretly juicing up the world's fastest couple, Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery, among others in the Olympics, baseball and the NFL.

"It's embarrassing to baseball," one player, Jeff Kent, said of the continuing steroid saga.

For all the sensationalist headlines and federal grand jury leaks, baseball attendance stayed high, except in Montreal, which lost the Expos to Washington, D.C., the first team to move since the Senators became the Texas Rangers in 1971.

The Athens Olympics were also unfazed even as steroids touched the Games from the start, when the top two Greek runners, Kostis Kenteris and Katerina Thanou, faked a motorcycle accident to avoid drug testers. Two dozen athletes got busted for drugs — more than twice the number at Sydney four years earlier — yet that was hailed as a success.

"These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat and where clean athletes were better protected," IOC chief Jacques Rogge said during the closing ceremony.

They were also the Games that saw Mia Hamm, perhaps the most influential woman in sports since Billie Jean King, retire after leading the U.S. women's soccer team to a gold medal. And they were the Games that saw American Paul Hamm win gymnastics gold when the judges miscalculated the score of a South Korean rival.

Agreeing on a winner continued to elude college football, which once again had a split national championship when Southern California won one trophy and LSU another. And more argument loomed as the year ended, with three teams from major conferences — Southern Cal, Oklahoma and Auburn — undefeated going into the holiday bowl games.

There were more player-fan confrontations in sports, from baseball to basketball, none uglier than the Malice in the Palace between several Indiana Pacers and fans of the Detroit Pistons.

Ron Artest, the first player in that brawl to charge into the stands after a drink was thrown at him, had wanted time off to promote his CD. Now he has the rest of the season off.

Artest became the symbol of some of what is wrong in professional sports, corrupted by too much money, too many untamed egos, too much alcohol. Still, sports are society's escape and a reflection of its values. They have the power to raise aspirations, change lives and cut us down to size, and they did all that this year perhaps more than ever before.



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# 2004: Trials, tribulations and triumph

## From Sox to scandal, this year was extraordinary

BY STEVE WILSTEIN  
The Associated Press

**S**ure shots, long shots and once-in-a-lifetime shots — 2004 had them all.

It was an over-the-top, out-of-control year, sensational in both its glorious and scandalous senses.

Halley's Comet comes around every 76 years. The Boston Red Sox hadn't won the World Series in 86 years.

Nobody ever won a World Series or even a league championship down 0-3 in games, much less three outs from a sweep.

A gutsy bettor with blind faith in the Red Sox could have made millions plunking down dough on them at that particularly bleak moment when a sweep by their ancient and annual enemy, the New York Yankees, seemed inevitable.

It took a self-proclaimed team of "idiots," undaunted by history or curses, to flip fate around and make 2004 one of the greatest vintage years of sports.

There is no more enduring image of the year — what it took to win and what it meant to those who did — than the bloodstained set of Curt Schilling. It gave new meaning to Red Sox and belongs in the Hall of Fame.

Stitched to pitch, Schilling inspired his teammates and lifted the suffering generations of Red Sox Nation scattered around the globe. It was a medical miracle, if not a heavenly one, the very opposite of what Boston's many pessimistic fans had come to expect.

The signs at Fenway read "Believe," and millions did, even if they feared down to the last out that something, somehow would go wrong as it always had since 1918.

Yet Schilling delivered and David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, Jason Varitek, Johnny Damon, Kevin Millar, Orlando Cabrera and the others did the rest, stunning the Yankees and sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in the

most amazing team comeback in sports.

"All empires fall sooner or later," Red Sox President Larry Lucchino said after the Yankees became the first baseball team to lose a seven-game series after leading 3-0.

"1918 is gone forever," Boston outfielder Trot Nixon said when the Series ended. "We're not going to have to hear about that again."

He was wrong, though in a good way. These Red Sox will hear forever how they broke the so-called Curse of the Bambino.

Roll back the calendar to Jan. 1 and imagine betting on the New England Patriots to win the Super Bowl en route to an

NFL-record 21-game winning streak and the Boston Red Sox to sweep the World Series in the same year. What would you have won if you parlayed those with bets on the starless Detroit Pistons to win the NBA title and the Sunshine State's Tampa Bay Lightning to win the Stanley Cup?

What if, along the way, you ran up the winnings by betting that one school would win the men's and women's Final Four in basketball. No school ever had. Connecticut did.

And what were the odds back then that Vijay Singh would win nine times in the year, become golf's first \$10 million man, and replace Tiger Woods as No. 1 in the world?

Or that Switzerland's Roger Federer, uncoached, would become the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam tennis titles?

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Curt Schilling's bleeding ankle was etched into baseball lore when Boston's ace won two playoff games, including Game 6 of the ALCS, after eschewing season-ending ankle surgery.

## Boston's conquest is one for the ages

BY JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

There was no Commissioner's Trophy last time the Boston Red Sox won the World Series.

No commissioner, in fact. So when the Red Sox won it all for the first time since 1918, they didn't think it would be right to stick their trophy on a shelf somewhere to gather dust.

Instead, they took it to every state in New England, to a fan hangout in California and the team's academy in the Dominican Republic, to Christmas tree lightings and churches and nursing homes, where octogenarians have waited all their lives to see their favorite team win just once.

At the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where they treat sick children thanks in part to the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund, the trophy caused such a hubbub when pitcher Tim Wakefield brought it by last week that order, finally, had to be restored.

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Deion Branch (83) and the New England Patriots celebrated a 21-game winning streak and the team's second Super Bowl victory in three seasons. Lance Armstrong (right), selected as The Associated Press' male athlete of the year for the third consecutive year, became the only six-time winner of the Tour de France in July.

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